

Dear Phil,

6/25/85

The FBI LHM on Gene Crawford with your 6/18 is one of a series of records relating to him disclosed to me in the King FOIA case. Now you have Wayne Chastain's sausage and eggs man. Wayne had been a good friend when he was on the paper and I'd tried to ease him off the obvious irrelevance out of which he sought to build a book and a solution, but to no avail. He was so upset after I told him what the records show I've not heard from him since.

I don't recall having noticed any notation of the use of stencils but I presume reference is to a mimeograph stencil and the notation is merely not to preserve it because there was no probability of any need for additional copies. In those days I'm certain that where a number of copies were needed mimeo was much cheaper. So, I think that copies of the MFD 302 of the Crawford interview were made with the stencil, after which it was disposed of rather than cluttering a file without need.

Only news relates to JFK field offices case in which sanctions had been assessed against both Jim and me, with dj/FBI claiming almost \$10,000. On remand, fink district court judge dismissed sancyions against Jim and reduced those to me to close to \$900, which I've told my ACLU lawyer I'm not paying. He is scared. He backed off of an earlier agreement to reopen the whole thing with new evidence, disclosed to Mark Allen after the record in my case was closed. This new evidence, properly handled, is enough to get the whole thing thrown out with only minimal honesty by the courts and is actually enough, in other than this Reaganite era, to justify perjury charges against the FBI's case agent in this litigation. Who happens also to have the same role in Mark Allen's case and thus can hardly claim ignorance when he swore so falsely to the most material things.

To make this comprehensible, he swore in my case that certain relevant material did not exist and he disclosed it in Mark's case. In my case they also swore that discovery from me was necessary so they could prove that they had complied with my request and what they disclosed to Mark establishes not only that this is impossible but that they knew it all the while - and never corrected any representation to any court.

I hope I do not wind up having to be my own lawyer. Meanwhile, I'd addressed the ACLU fellow with some pointedness about fear and its consequences. When we spoke last week he said he'd give it more thought and I'm awaiting word. Jim can't handle this because of the continuing possible conflict of interest and if this were not true he'd also be afraid. Real-life soap opera!

Best wishes,

June 18, 1985

Dear Harold,

Thanks for your 4/27/85; 4/21/85 and enclosures. Good letter to Post. Reagan cannot recognize conscience and that's partly why he doesn't even perceive the magnitude of his insult to the victims of Hitler.

Our pine is white pine and I have indeed faithfully had yearly cleanings of my chimney. Your tips on cleaning, maintenance, and stovepipe alignment are noted and appreciated. We're looking--researching--stove options now.

In the enclosed FBI document, what is an "FD-302 stencil" referred to at the bottom of page one, and why would they put "to be destroyed"? Is this unusual?

Thanks, and best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be the initials 'OHL' or similar, written in a cursive style.

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

FROM : SA FRANKLIN L. JOHNSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 4/10/68

RE: GENE PEARSON CRAWFORD
32-B WESTWOOD GARDENS
JACKSON, TENNESSEE

Submitted herewith are the following:

(1) An insert reflecting that CRAWFORD was stopped as a general suspect by the police on the morning of 4/5/68;

(2) FD-302 showing interview with CRAWFORD.

In substance, according to Lt. J. D. HAMBY, Homicide Bureau, Memphis Police Department, some of the employees in Jim's Restaurant, located just north of Canipe's Amusement Company, 424 South Main, pointed out CRAWFORD as a stranger who was eating sausage, eggs, and iced lemonade in that restaurant sometime prior to the shooting on 4/4/68 and uniformed officers at the scene referred CRAWFORD to Lt. HAMBY for interview. Lt. HAMBY stated that CRAWFORD had been stopped on the street by uniformed officers, at which time he was carrying an attache type case and a cardboard box containing a new portable radio.

As will be noted from the FD-302 of CRAWFORD, his presence near the scene around the time of the shooting

[REDACTED] indicated the desirability of his being questioned as a general suspect. After a brief interview at the scene, Lt. HAMBY had him taken to headquarters for further interview, and he was released, the Police Department feeling that he did not meet the description available concerning the Unsub, and his

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presence in a rooming house other than the one from which the shots were made, having been established.

ACTION:

As of the present time, it is not recommended that any further action be taken with respect to CRAWFORD with the exception of the fact that his name and Navy Serial No. will be furnished to case agent in order to have CRAWFORD's prints compared with those available in this case as one more step in eliminating him as a suspect. In sending in names and identifying data concerning general suspects, his name should be included, it being noted that he is a white male, born 10/2/27 at Jackson, Tennessee, who stated that he served twice in the Navy under Navy Serial No.

