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Dear Ms. Gordon,

Reur "Old. F.B.I. Tircks" in the current Nation, perhaps at FBIHQ they did discontinue calling blacks "niggers" in 1962, but as late as 1968 the Memphis filed office was referring to adult blacks as "boys" and "monkey faced."

Sessions wrote a letter of protest to the Washington Post about a Herbblock cartoon on the matter you refer to. He said he'd do something administratively about ~~the~~ ^{my} abuses and assist in prosecutions of criminal acts. I wrote him about bath and more specifically about the entirely undenied fact that his agents got a money judgement against me (for the first time) in FOIA litigation exclusively by perjury, fraud and misrepresentations. I cited the court records ~~and~~ offered to send him a set if his people did not produce their file ~~copies~~, thus giving him a chance to put his money where his mouth is. He hasn't had time to answer.

There is absolutely no question about this because nobody gave a damn, including Victor Navasky, to whom I sent some of these court papers. (He also may be interested in some of this for other reasons, so a copy to him.)

Least of all did the judges care, district or appeals. But I've not paid and won't without the trial I've been denied.

Webster's confirmation to head the FBI is a classic case of how the press and Congress work. If you'll excuse the word.

As a judge Webster sat on the case of John Larry Ray, bother of James, the accused assassin of Dr. King. I was James' investigator for the habeas corpus proceeding and the ensuing two weeks of evidentiary hearing. He also never had a trial. But he was better off than John, in effect.

The FBI was out to get John because it lived with the illusion that John knew things about James and wouldn't tell it. Actually, neither knew where the other was and they never got along. So, the FBI charged John with driving the switch car for some bank robbers, specifically one Benny Goldenstein. Goldenstein was tried before another judge and acquitted. John was tried before Webster and got 18 years for allegedly driving his car for the man acquitted of the crime.

There is little chance the press will, as you suggest, look into more of the FBI's abuses, as it should. In part this is because the FBI's files are loaded with what can embarrass them all. If you are interested, much of this is hidden by phony classification of those and similar records. They are classified as "94. Research Matters" and thus avoided as irrelevant when there is an alleged search. The field offices use "80. Laboratory Research Matters" for similar purposes.

Good piece. Thanks for it.

Sincerely,


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