

11/21/76

For Mr. Johnson and/or Mr. Leaky:

It is unfortunate that my request for the 1975 releases was not filled promptly. During the several months confusion developed. I also appear not to have all the Boxes.

On 10/29 I was given xeroxes of three Boxes with a helpful handwritten list identifying them as 1, 4 and 6. On 11/18 I was given two more Boxes and several pages identified as from earlier ones.

But in all I have apparently been given only five.

What is listed as Box 4 in the sheet given me 10/29 had a slip with the xeroxes reading "Box 2 FBI parts of numbered documents." This appears to fit the heading on the list for Box 4.

It will require some work to straighten this out here and to learn if you have provided copies of all these records except those Mr. Leaky told me would be mailed, a few pages.

An accurate list identifying each record fully, by box and page number within each record, could be helpful.

Unless you have records indicating that all has not been provided this will give me a means of telling you what has not been.

I'm sorry about this situation and the extra work it requires of me. There may be factors of which I am not aware that caused this long delay in filling my request. However, two months ago Mr. O'Neill did write me that you are not overburdened. My request also predates the new House committee so I do not see its creation as causing so long a delay, several months.

The manner in which these large numbers of pages were given to me can create problems of this nature but in this case I do not believe it did. The copies of each Box were separated only by thin rubber-bands. They were not wrapped in any other way. Fortunately the bands did not break. My wife and I then worked on each Box separately, putting each record or part of a record in a separate file folder, identifying it by its number and the box identified by the slips within each rubber-band. From this it appears certain that we did not misidentify any batch. However, if each batch had been in a simple container, like a manila envelope, the possibility would have been eliminated. While it would have been much easier for me to have you mail these records prior experience is that packaging is often inadequate and there is damage. I go into this so there need be no future repetition of what causes extra work and time and trouble for us. We both have physical handicaps of which I have informed you in part. You know of my medical situation and physical limitations.

If you have any suggestions other than as I indicate above on how I can straighten all this out I'd appreciate them.

If there is a Box yet to be supplied I'd like to know when it will be ready. As of now I do not have to be in Washington until 12/2 although this can change. If it is ready soon, as I would think after all this time, and I do not have to go to Washington, with an adequate package I'd prefer that it be mailed.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg