

Dear Bill,

5/16/98

I left your nice letter (for which thanks) enclosing the one you wrote Wilson for Bill to read and at the end of the day for me do not feel like unwinding myself and getting it, so I write about what I remember and will probably write more later. For one thing, I think you may have scared him. For another, I'd like you to tell ~~me~~ him that probably those things were planted for him to find.

I know enough about that FBI office to believe what he said was in his mind. His SAC, named Hitt, was ordered to execute an affidavit stating that there had been no black bag job on Ray. There had been one. ~~He~~, Wilson, probably knew the agent who did it, Donald P. Burgess.

I think I got to know Ray fairly well. His way of speaking, his spelling, etc. He never spelled the name "Raul" and he always spelled it "Roual."

Driving from Memphis to Atlanta, about halfway he ~~stayed~~^{stopped} and cleaned the car of all contents, etc. I do not think he would have missed that envelope. Or have left the door unclosed.

On the basis of what we know there is no possibility of any connection between the JFK and King assassination so I think that Ruby stuff was planted. How it could have been done so ~~was~~ fast is provocative.

Feel free to tell Wilson any ~~me~~ or all of this.

I believe that Ray would have left the car locked. I also believe what he told me, that the man he called Roual had a duplicate set of keys. Ray was to leave the car for him that evening. He saw the slow leak and took it to be repaired but it was rush hour and the filling station told him to put air in and come back in an hour or so. It was when he was taking the car back that he saw the barricades. ~~He~~ turned and fled. His description of what he then saw was not in the papers but was accurate. So, he saw it.

If Wilson ever wants to see the MURKIN records of his office I have them and he will be welcome. I have those of ~~me~~^{HO} and six other field offices.

I have discovered more missing, and from my office, since you were here. Nobody works in my office and almost nobody ever looks in those files. What I have established is missing is what could be embarrassing to the FBI. So he is probably right about the phone tapping, etc.

If you write him please ask him if he knew or knew about a symbol informer of that office named Hardin, James C. He also was not in the city directory. If ~~Wilson~~^{Wilson} knows and is interested I can ~~add~~^{add} more, some fact some belief. It is connected with the Ray investigation.

More later,

Best and glad you'll be here in July,

Hardy