

Dear Les,

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Today's Jack Anderson column on the withheld King documents of the FBI is an outgrowth of my efforts to defend my self-interest against FBI sanctions in other litigation. It reminds me, however, of our last phone conversation in which you asked about the availability of my King records for deposit in a black college by the association of black journalists.

At that time I suggested that for a black graduate student's thesis there is much that could also make a book. Journalism major, or political or law, etc.

The column reminds me that I was never able to press my request for the FBI's records pertaining to the Poor Peoples' Campaign, and what I've seen in the copies that are in other files I've gotten is pretty vile. A student could file for them, if I made a proper request, jointly with me to save years of stalling - if he has a lawyer willing to handle the case. Of course, it can be done entirely independently. I'm not looking for more work.

There is a slight error in the column referring to "2610 entries on a single King aide" in the New York office. There are that many logs along on the electronic surveillance of Clarence Jones, in New York only. The logs are brief summaries made by the monitors.

We've had to replace our copiers because we could not get a part it needs locally. Our newer machine is less sturdy and will not take day-long uses. We've only just gotten it.

However, if you still have something like what you mentioned in mind, there has been a radical drop in copier prices. Under other circumstances I'd have taken a chance on a factory-rebuilt Royal 115, which is a fine but superceded machine, and is much faster and can be kept going all day without any special concerns. It was available near here for \$1,300. Such a machine would more than pay for itself on the one project, if you still have it in mind, and you could then give it to the college. It is not a home-use model. It is for commercial use. A local commercial xeroxer has two of them in constant use and has for a long time. (While I presume that not having heard from you there may be problems, I nonetheless report because it will not now be possible to use my machine.)

FI, the inventories that I mentioned to you and Whitten writes about were designed by FBIHQ not to include the tapes of King and friends, although the directive does ask for them to be included. So, they are not included, nor are the notes made on the tapes. I've reconstructed the entire machinery for hiding them and if the finky Bernard Lee case decision by Judge Smith did not give the FBI an immunity bath for this stuff by ordering it in the Archives, are still in the field offices. (Smith is the guy who ordered FBI discovery against me. He is hospitalized, I hear, so nothing new on that.)

Best wishes,