

Dear Jimmy,

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Your 1/25 came when I was very busy with a long affidavit making out a case that an FBI agent was a perjurer. You know, the kind of thing that make me an FBI pimp to Mark and Jimmy, not talking big and doing nothing else but doing and not saying anything. Because I knew I'd be going to near Washington today to see my dentist, an hour's trip, I save the tape for while I was riding.

Jimmy has not sent your FBI records and I don't expect him to. Instead, with foolish speeches ahead of it, he asked me to give him a privacy waiver so he could get my FBI records, those I've been trying to get for so long. I didn't take time to give Jimmy all the reasons why I couldn't but I did tell him what is real, he gives me a heads-I-win and tails-you-lose deal, asking out ~~me~~ that I'm with the FBI and that he needs the records to prove it. If that were not so sick and so typical of why he is where he is it would be funny. I know damned well that if the FBI gave him anything it would be the kind of poison your Unholy Man would love to use and if it is anything like what I got so far it would be b.s. they made up. And if there is nothing in the files along the lines of that dirt business Mark made up for him or he dreamed up for himself, that will merely prove to them that I am because the FBI had to withhold it.

I've been trying to get those records for years. They gave me a few and when I told them I wanted to use the Privacy Act to make them correct, they just stopped saying anything or sending anything and they've been sitting on my appeal until now. In December we took a deposition which leads me to believe that after five years they may be getting around to acting on the appeal. Lil asked for hers in 1975 and they just came today. I've not looked at them yet.

Because of the delay and because you asked me something I'm responding right away on the chance that a student who is here part time can mail it and save a day.

I don't care if Jimmy sends me your records or not. As I told you I'm not sending him anything I see in them but if I see something you should know I'll tell you. I am sure, from what you said, that what has to be there isn't because you didn't mention it- how they have me in those files. If they don't, on the Mercedes and Liberty jobs, they are holding out on you, as I would expect them to because they know you don't know anything about the law and that Mark not only does, he also doesn't do any work except in his own interest. It is not just what they black out, it is what they don't look for and entire files they don't give you.

The Hester you mentioned was at the jail when Stoner and Ryan were closer to the door than you is Joe Hester. He was the Memphis case agent, regardless of it you saw him at Nashville. He might have retired by now.

On the Blakey memo, one way or ~~some~~ another you'll get it. I sent it to Carol, as I now remember, but if I didn't Lil get it and send it to you. Or Jim can, possibly faster. I don't know whether this student of Lil did or should have done that filing and I can't lay my hands on it without them. Lil isn't feeling well today and can't veld in the files to get it. I know she won't be able to run the copier. But as soon as all the mess of records all around the place from the preparations for the affidavit - just sent Jim against the FBI is cleaned up we'll make a search. I'm pretty sure I sent it to Carol, along with the story and that she told me she sent copies to Jimmy and John.

However, I don't think you should make ANY use at all without speaking to Jim because we are trying to get more and I don't want any of your half-assed publicity stunts lousing that up. Jim is trying to figure out a way of really helping John with it, not just making a meaningless headline. Come to think of it, I won't send you a copy if I haven't sent it to Carol until you promise not to make any use of it for now, long enough not to louse Jim's efforts up. Sincerely,