

4/3/78

Dear Gary,

When you return from your return to China there will be many matters requiring your attention and mine and I'll have forgotten your 2/31 and its enclosures. So I write now, with copies to Jill and Howard. I'll also start a PA file on you for this. You should have used the Privacy Act.

If I were not certain they'd invoke those provisions that protect you I'd have filed follow-up requests.

There is also a requirement of the law that you be provided with those parts of records that are reasonably segregable. The CIA once gave me a record on which it withheld everything but my name. (It didn't know it but I had obtained that record from another and the other copy had nothing withheld.)

So ask for a copy with those parts they claim have to be withheld removed. They can do it.

The reason they didn't do it is to provide no leads to you or anyone else.

Of the two dates, January and April 1969, only one can relate to what you refer to, the case of La. v. Shaw in D.C., the earlier date. I'm wrong. It was 2/14 and 4/11/69. The D.C. case was over in January. The Shaw trial was on in Feb.

With the claim to a foreign government source I'd guess mail interception or maybe something to do with ~~with~~ Farewell America.

Why not think about what mail with whom could have been intercepted or about those with whom you had been in touch where their police agencies could have had an interest.

I may be wrong and not having any inkling makes good guessing hard but I think they have no real national security involvement and no law enforcement purpose so the exemptions do not apply. However, you'd probably have to go to court to be able to establish this.

Was anything going on then about Murray, your former office mate?

I've forgotten the record you say you sent me long ago. Finding it would probably take much time. Can you supply another copy? I'll ~~also~~ give Jim a copy, as I also will of this.

Hope this trip is even better than the previous one. And if you go through Hong Kong you ought to get some of the available benefits.

Best,