

To G. Stone, P. Melanson, from H. Weisberg re RFK FOIA draft 8/27/84

P. 2 graf 3: General Indices, plural, and instead of asking for a board of "any special case ~~index~~ index," ask for a copy of the case index. Assume it does exist, as it will, no matter how much they may lie, and then try to get it because it may well be the most important single record. It is the FBI's covering of its own ass, a record for it of what it has let out, so it can know what it has not let out.

P. 2 last graf, L.A. office singular.

P. 3 graf 1, E.E. Bradley is not Jim ^Araden, delete JB; Oliver Owen.

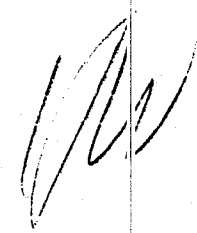
P. 4, graf 3, last sentence not good. If you do not want copies of newspaper clips, just say that outside mention of fee waiver. Ditto for already disclosed record without deletions.

P. 4, graf 4, add after first comma, "we reserve the right to see the return of any fees paid, then resume, new sentence. You are asking to be rejected.

P. 4, last graf, redundant, omit.

P. 5, ask each to indicate extent of claimed backlog after first sentence. This is particularly important re LA records, even though I think they'll stall them until they process FBIHQ's.

PM; Thanks for 8/24. You say, "The DeM/LHD relationship seems to me a complex one." Or, perhaps made that way by imaginative critics. In any event, suggest you distinguish between complexity and significance. First you have to establish the nature of this relationship with evidence, not conjecture; then prove that there was some kind of role than DeM filled, again by evidence; and then assess any significance. My own opinion is that you'll come up with nothing and can spend that time better on other matters. But you do your thing. I also suggest that even what criticism has on tape is worthless because of his influence on DeM's answers and later emotional illness and suicide. All the man pressures, including WO's, came to be too much.



July 27, 1984

Dear Harold,

Thanks for your 8/10/84 and for your enlightening insights about Summers, Mexico, etc. I had responded previously to your query for Mexico City documents with a few footnotes from Summers. I have no original documents. In my Mexico City memo, p.2 I refer to tapes but I have no documentation about their number, except the possibility that multiple visits might mean multiple tapes (although it could be a single tape).

I too always thought Garrow was a nut. I see what you mean about Oswald's relationship with Ferrie, DeM, Bringuier (of the superficiality of any data) I want to think on this a bit more and get back to you. The DeM/LHO relationship seems to me a complex one.

The letter from Huff (thanks for the JD/FOIA letters) is outrageous! Please do keep me informed.

Best Regards,

Phil

August 24, 1984

Dear Harold,

I thought you might be
interested in the enclosed. I
hope all goes well.

Regards,

Tom Stone