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Dear Tony,

Jim told me about the crack Theoharis took at you. I don't know whether you will pay any attention. On the chance you do, there are countless ways in which the FBI records do not disclose what people said, beginning with omissions by the field agents who used never to tape and instead made notes which began the filtering process. All the witnesses allegedly said was included in the notes - which nobody ever saw and not uncommonly were destroyed immediately.

I thought of the not usual means, records you may have seen when you went through the blue file folder on my desk. The SAC says how the embarrassing info is to be kept out of his files- and then filed it ~~it~~ and it wasn't serialized so it could not be retrieved via the index. I don't recall the other documents on this FOIA worksheet or whether there were other such inventories.

The FBI claimed full and complete disclosure of the HQ JFK assassination records, which was not so, those giving only some of the main files. But then, what~~xxx~~ everybody missed, about 25 % more from those very files was withheld. I got them and they then were not placed in the FOIA reading room. They are the EBF or enclosures behind files or bulkies many of which are not at all bulky and less bulky than what is in the main files.

We can go on and on if you want to prepare list. Specifics and generalities.

Moreover, unless Theoharis had honest worksheets and ^{all} the abstracts he has no way of knowing whether he got all the records in any main file he got.

Even then he'd have had to check each and every serial number to be sure there are no omissions. And sometimes he then cannot be certain.

Strange he had such a compulsion.

Best,

Harold

Shanklin 10/23/78

Re William Walter