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This requires no response, unless it reminds you of something.

I don't believe I ever mentioned my work on the King assassination or that FOIA litigation but I published one book on it and plan for my next book to be on it.

I had a few moments today so I decided to locate a few bizarre records, even for the Hoover FBI, and read and think about them preparatory to doing a draft in the near future of part of a chapter. As I believe I once told you, I have subject files of duplicates in both cases and in each a file on "Control." I believed the records I sought were in the King Control file but they are not.

However, in going over it, I saw something and that reminded me of something. What I saw was an outline/summary of evidence prepared for Hoover and in his O & C file. So, Hoover did get special info about the King case. That reminded me of something the existence of which is established in the main file but no copy of which was ever provided, from the main or any other file. Twice-daily summaries were prepared for Hoover.

I don't know if he kept them in his office and if he did if they are included in what was disclosed to you. But if you see them or anything else having to do with the King assassination, I am very interested.

Before James Earl Ray was identified as the suspect he was believed to be Eric Starvo Galt and under that name the FBI charged him, as I now recall 4/17/68. With the crime in Memphis, it charged him in Birmingham! The reason? FBIHQ did not trust the United States Attorney in Memphis. Their internal records actually say this specifically.

To contrive jurisdiction under the civil rights statute they alleged that he bought a rifle in Birmingham to go hunting with a brother in Wisconsin, based on what one man said he heard "Galt" say when he bought the rifle, and that is the entire basis of the conspiracy charge required for federal jurisdiction.

The enclosure is an extra copy I made by accident. I send it to give you an additional insight into the FBI's compliance with FOIA requests and how the Reagan DJ construes some appeals.

In the O & C file the record I refer to above is #147.

Best wishes,

Re Hoover's notes: my King subject files of these is about 1 1/2" thick. Whenever you write please let me know if you'd like all of them - which will not be all he added to the main file, only those in which I perceived some possible interest. If you do want all of them, it will have to be after 4/15 because my wife makes all the copies except when I need only a few pages. I am not able to stand still for more than a moment or so because the blood puddles in my feet if I do. She'll be busy with tax work until then. No problem if you want them all. But if you want me to select some, please let me know and I'll go over them prior to my own planned use of them.