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To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg your 11/20/78

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King assassination records
JFK assassination records, appeals-
Dallas Field Office
New Orleans Field Office

You refer to the non-existence of a prepared statement by Mr. Adams regarding the King assassination and enclose a copy of his prepared statement relating to the JFK case.

With all due regard for those exceptional qualities that advance Mr. Adams to his present FBI position, if he did not have a prepared statement I am inclined to believe he may have found a few notes and copies of a few records would have been helpful. Given the delicate nature of some of his testimony I believe this was necessary. Would it be possible to consult Mr. Adams' recollection and files?

As I have written you in the past, the records provided from Dallas are barren on the subject matter of Mr. Adams' prepared JFK statement. The New Orleans records, which my counsel was informed months ago were about to be sent, have not been sent. The Dallas records in question relate to a threatening note Oswald left at the DFO for SA James Patrick Hooty (recently in the headlines as stating he had "bombshells" for the House assassinations committee, which did not want them) and an investigation after this information was leaked. No records relating to this investigation, referred to by Mr. Adams, have been provided. The New Orleans records relate to a statement made by a former FBI clerk to an unnamed lawyer. It was Mark Lane. This clerk, now a bank official, has been all over TV in the past year or more with the same story. His name is William Walter. The factual inaccuracy of Mr. Adams' statement relating to the New Orleans part makes me wonder what FBIHQ did not do, perhaps did not receive from New Orleans.

With regard to the Oswald notes, as I believe I have already informed you, the FBI took statements from all those then in the DFO. Not one has been provided.

Mr. Adams refers to what was known to me, that two witnesses gave the Warren Commission information regard this. The FBI reviewed the testimony transcripts on several levels, at different places and for a number of purposes. There is a separate Dallas file on this- but no relevant records. I do not believe that the initial FBI reviews did not let the FBI HQ know, if it had not known sooner, of the note any search for which should have disclosed its destruction.

With regard to the Walter allegation Mr. Adams states what has been the FBI's public position, that it has found no teletype such as he referred to having seen about 11/17/63/ because Mark Lane and SA Garrison both believe that ~~Bill~~ Walter

are for gilding the semantic possibilities afforded to the FBI exceeded those it generally has no difficulty locating. There were a number of threats against the President at that time. I have written about quite a few. One of ~~these~~^{them} involves the late Joseph Adams ~~Wilder~~, withholdings relating to what continues in C.A.75-1996. (Has the FBI forgotten the matter of the Beckwith affidavit?) Others involve the National States Rights Party, which also figures in C.A.75-1996. One of those persons also is known to have threatened Dr. King, I think, and did engage in racial violence.

If a distinction is made between a special communication of what is taken to be the Walter description as enlarged upon by Lane and Garrison and any communication of that time relating to threats against the President the FBI ought have little difficulty finding relevant records.