

Dear Les,

1/15/84

I'm not trying to twist your arm. Even tempt you. Well, I'd better modify the tempt. It is not my purpose, but it would not be honest to suggest I would not like to. I really have in mind that you might know one of Jack's young ones who might be able to do something responsible with the enclosed.

I found the ones that may relate to Pierce by accident, misfiled with some FBI duplicates in my King subject file. As you will also see, I have another, separate purpose. If I complete the other letter I'll enclose a copy. The snow gives me a problem and if anyone who can do the mailing for me visits, I'll mail this first. But I'll send the other separately if this happens. (I'm supposed to be careful not to slip, fall, bruise myself, etc.)

My originals are in the basement, in the lawsuit file. My JFK subject file also is in the basement. But my King subject file is in my office, and these were misfiled there. So, what I retrieved may not be complete and what I enclose is not all that I retrieved. Adler has other interests, so I've made a copy of all I retrieved for him.

I'm also not to cut myself, so I've not tried to remove the small staple of one ~~batch~~ batch that I enclose just to let you see that the CIA seems to have had access to King's pockets, too. The sheet on top belongs on the bottom.

What may relate to Pierce is all stapled together, with the individual documents stapled as they were when I received them.

The "S" numbers were added for identification by the CIA in my F.A. 77-1997, the lawsuit in which these were disclosed. In one instance, in blue so there would be no misunderstanding, I've added "Sam?" where it may or may not be what was excised.

I also have a special purpose, both selfish and unselfish, in wanting this out now, as I'll explain. However, if you turn this over to one of the internes, I have two simple suggestions: one is that he send copies to Pierce and ask that he say whether or not he is the guy. This is the kind of stuff he'd not forget, particularly not finding the FBI below him. The other is asking some LBJ people who may be around or some of the others mentioned if they know.

You may recall that some time ago I alerted you to the possibility that the FBI might move to hold me in contempt before Judge John Lewis (Rubber Stamp) Smith, about whom I believe Bass has some interesting things. I've been even more ~~screwed up~~ contemptuous since then, in the interest of preserving FOIA. The FBI has not yet screwed itself up to where it is willing to dare this, but its finicky DJ lawyers have told K Jim Lear that they are going to move to get a judgment against him, to make him pay what they do not dare asking any court to have me pay, their costs in subverting FOIA. This is a direct threat against all lawyers as well as a negation of FOIA, for all practical purposes, if they succeed. Therefore, I want to build a little fire when the heat may do some good. They know me well enough to know that I'll not get to old or too infirm to fight back, but I am a firm believer in trying to take initiatives. Long ago I learned that the weak cannot survive in contention with the strong and unscrupulous if the weak only try to defend themselves against attack.

Pierce is a lawyer and they all keep detailed records, so if he wants to prove that he is not the guy he can check his records against the dated stuff here and prove that he was elsewhere, etc.

If anyone wants the best of this awful stuff, I'll send it.

If anything else appears to be topical and I recall it, I'll send it in the future. Thanks and best wishes,


Jan 13

Dear Hal,

As usual, ~~as~~ I'm slightly hooked by the idea. I guess if I could prove it was Sam Pierce (or anyone else) I'd do it, but it's the proving that I'm not willing to undertake (the usual mix of a few things at the office cooking, plus my busy life outside). In other words, and I know how this steams you up, if it were sort of on a platter I'd spend the time it takes to eat it -- but I won't invest a week in it. As to calling Sam Pierce -- even if it were he he'd never admit it. That's futile.

P.S. Anything else more sure bettish in that magnificent closet of yours?

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be 'J. S.', written in dark ink.

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1/16/84

Dear Mr. Adler,

After I wrote you 1/10 and sent a record I thought you might find useful Jim Lesar spoke to me. He thinks this is the record he mentioned to you.

In the course of searching one of my subject files for another purpose I found misfiled copies of some CIA records I received from the CIA in C.A. 77-1997, in which Jim also represented me. I enclose copies of these copies.

It has been my practise to preserve all records I receive as I receive them, looking forward to arranged-for university deposit. I make copies for subject filing. These are copied from my King subject file and may not be all the records I received in that litigation. In fact, I'm sure they are not because I made these copies for a writing file and I did not intend to write about those I did not duplicate. But Jim or I can provide them if you have any interest in them. Along with the Vaughn justification for which the CIA marked these up.

Beginning with CIA # S20 I have stapled a number of records together because I have long suspected that the CIA's domestic informer is Sam Pierce. S 21 reflects the CIA's awareness that this domestic activity is improper if not illegal and its continuation after the awareness was recorded.

The batch without any CIA number is as I received it. It strikes me as the kind of paper men not infrequently carry in their wallets and pockets, so I found it particularly provocative that the CIA had it.


The loose records beginning with S-11 reflect the connection of OS and others in this domestic CIA activity. I believe I did not include the 3/29/68 record with those that might relate to Pierce because I was not certain.

Although the CIA withheld the identification of the one running this informer, Pierce or someone else, on King and the civil rights movement, his title was "Chief, Liaison & External Operations (abbreviated) Branch/ SRS", SRS representing Security Research Staff. (S-22) Page 3 makes it unequivocal that this informer "has long provided information on the ^{Negro} Civil Rights Movement and its various leaders." (Marked in blue in the left margin.)

FYI, the last two records are dated 4/5 and 4/8/68 (the latter also relating to the coming presidential campaign), or immediately after Dr. King was assassination on 4/4/68.

I hope this is of some use to you.

Sincerely,



Harold Weisberg