

Dear Les,

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'Tain't Sam P. Did I goof!!!! And how forgetful I've become!!!

It all came to mind this way:

I let a local college professor friend make copies of the entire Memphis sanitation workers strike and Invaders files that I got in an FOIA suit so he could use them in teaching (Hood College, local) and write a scholarly paper or two. The first of his papers, a professorially-neutralized account of the FBI's intrusions into purely local matters during the strike, has just been published by the Southern Quarterly, published by Duke Univ. He gave me a couple of reprints and we chatted a bit. And then it came back: that character in those CIA files is identified by David Garrow in his book, The FBI and Martin Luther King, Jr., as a whizzer named Solomonick who took the name Jay Richard Kennedy some years ago, had a relationship with and then a feud with Stanley Levison, whose divorced wife Janet he married.

Apparently Garrow got copies of the records I got from the FBI, which did not withhold Kennedy's identification. (They wouldn't because he disliked them and they could get even.)

Books tend to slide on our new copier, but right now my wife is trying to make copies of the relevant pages for you and if they come out I'll enclose them.

In a way this is better for you because it is unlikely that the same character would be both an FBI and a CIA informer.

Hope this reaches you in time to avoid the waste of your and Jack's time and effort.

Meanwhile, you may want to remember that all my stuff is available to college students, too, and is rich for thesis and similar work. Over the years three or four of this professor friend's student have done honors papers and the like, spending as much as a full semester of research and then turning out a paper, and they've all be fine and all the students have, in one way or another, described being turn loose for independent study in original materials as the most educational experience they've had. You may know a student who may have the interest, so I'm letting you know if you do.

I'm sorry if you wasted any time. I should have remembered this but didn't.

Best wishes,