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Dear Les,

Jack's column in today's Wx Post, FBI wants \$237 for Coretta King to See Her Files, something I'm glad to see published, misses what I'm certain is a very big con job on Mrs. King. This sum represents a mere 2,370 pages. This is far short of all the records the FBI has on her. It probably is limited to what the FBI is not going to try to withhold from her from FBIHQ files only. It also is probably limited to a "main" file on her which, if my recollection is correct, classifies her as subversive, a 100-classification file.

It took some time, effort and litigating to get it, but I did, finally, get the inventory of FBI field office holdings on the Kings, their closest associates and the SCIC. Understand, I'm referring to only an inventory. It is 400 pages long! It has never been used and so far as I know I alone obtained it. It will tell exactly how many pages each and every one of the 59 field offices has in each file, including the file in her.

Please excuse my not checking but these files are in the basement, I can at best handle stairs only a couple of times a day, and I'm tired after a long, hard day. But I'm confident of what I say and I also think that when the FBI is being so stingy (as a matter of policy and in violation of law and regulation) and wasting more than \$237 to do so, an examination of a small reflection of the great amount of taxpayer money it wasted in its, to use the word "cover favored and savored so, nefarious operations against the Kings. This incomplete and unpublished inventory provides a glimmer of the fortune spent, which represents money and time not spent on the FBI's vital law enforcement responsibilities, like, say, the mafia.

They are right now trying to give me a hard time because I'm refusing absolutely to let them rewrite and negate FOIA through me again. I don't recall if I wrote you, among a few, when they had arranged to charge me with contempt for refusing to do their work for them. If I did, their lawyer thereafter made a pretext call to mine and actually threatened to have me "thrown in jail." This is in the case record and is undisputed. Well, I've been giving them a chance and I'll continue to give them a chance and I don't think they have the backbone -or stupidity. But they went out of their way to create the situations which, literally, have me in contempt, before Judge John Lewis Smith.

I don't think they'll be as deterred by my age and poor health as they will by their fear of an airing before the appeals court. Smith is their ever-flying, never-failing rubber stamp.

I don't have Mrs. King address and I can't afford to call her, but if you are in touch with the reporter III or associate who is in touch with her, she and they are welcome to access and to copying what I refer to.

Please excuse the typos. I want to make the morning mail and avoid the weekend's delay at this end and get to bed.

Best wishes,

Harold Weisberg

P.S. I finally got those records in the lawsuit for which you provided an affidavit and in which they initially refused me a fee waiver. I had to litigate to get it.