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Dear Harold,

Enclosed find 2 obits on Rufus Youngblood and a story about Angleton and his dealings with the Warren Commission. Could you give me your views on the Angleton ^{story}? Can you tell me anything about John Scelso? Is there any way of knowing the real identity of Scelso. Anything you may be able to tell me about this Angleton story and anything on Scelso would be really appreciated. I do hope you are feeling and doing well.

Sincerely,

Scott Wilson

Dear Scott,

10/10/96

Using up old envelopes a box of which I've found.

Thanks for the Youngblood obit. I do not know anything about the man given the phony name John Scelso but from what this story attributes to him he is a liar doing dirty work for the CIA. If the committee people had not been ignorant they'd have spotted much of this.

There was no "CIA chief investigator" of the JFK assassination. There was no known CIA assassination investigation from the disclosed records and testimony.

Whether Angleton disobeyed any orders in conferring with the Commission he did that with Holms and others, all of them at the same time.

Whether or not Angleton had close ties to Hoover it was not Hoover with whom he got together so they'd be giving the WC the same story. That was Wm. C. Sullivan, head of domestic intelligence. And "Scelso" could not have been even a part of any assassination ^{investigation} without knowing that the FBI never investigated the assassination itself.

There is no reason even to suspect that Angleton "tried to press" any conspiracy theory on the Commission. All the known records are to the exact opposite.

All of this, including the supposition that Angleton had some mafia connection escapes being perjury by being hearsay. There is nothing in this story saying that anything attributed to "Scelso" was of his personal knowledge.

There was only one time that is known that the CIA tried to use the mafia "in Cuban operations" and if Angleton was involved in that, he was minor in it. It was a Shel. Edwards job and only six people in all in the CIA even knew about it before it was exposed.

What "Scelso" says about Rosenko not "being on the level" is a plain lie.

So also is what he says about delays in Mexico City info reaching Washington because of "overwork."

That the CIA had the Russian and Cuban phones tapped ^{in Mexico} is not new. If it is true that all the lines were, that could be true. I'd not heard that before.

So, I wonder what this all represents. Aside from the obvious, of misleading and misdirecting the House committee. That was a clear intent and it seems to have succeeded. Probably the CIA had an adequate if not ample reading on this nuts to begin with.

Hope all is going well with your wife and newest. Best to you all,

and thanks,

Hardy