dear dave,

12/3/86

escuse all lower ase. minor tendon problem right arm.

in abswer to question on extent, in cellar, all told, eught full-sized, 4-drawer, twp empty ready for what 1 expect and four on order. before we are finished with king i will need them all. 5 trabsfew cases and no estimate number of boxes possible. in office 7 full-sized 4-drawer file cabinets, 1 4-drawer 18" deep, 4 drawers legal size with 2 legal-sozed drawers just moved in. have another pair of 2-drawer, letter-sized, only i pair full, other just started to use. can not begin to gives how many tapes, from radio and to shows to private interviews.

many books, of course.

brought back 2700 pages fbi zenira index first 29 volumes of "evidence" sent to memphis for prosecution yesterday plus about 500 more pages of their central headquarters file. while i was with him the fbi phoned. they had 500 more pages copied and ready. jim will make working copies for each of us, as i explaibed, and i will file what for me are the originals separately, not touching them except from need. this central files volume is about 88 volumes of 200 or more pages each. based in on the first 400 pages it is my omimica the file cabinet space on them will be much more occupied by file folders than records. most of these are one page. No real fat files to date.

the index is to some of the field office/ files. not included in the 88 although there is probably duplication in contenss. those of your people who deal with recommis can makes a better estimate than i about the file space consumed per 100 pages of xerox paper. these volumes are far from all the fbi has on king.

just remembered another file cabinet elsewhere for total 17, i guess, 4-drawer ones alone. you would not need them all at enetime, though.

I bought az second-hand card-file mabinet of which one drawer is missing. it will hold the 3x5 index cards of all my book indexes, already alphabetized except for part of post mo rtem.

this listing of cabinets includes all these records i have gottan from the cia. there will be more but i cannot now estimate its volume. i haves ordered these spare file cabinets because some of the records i have are not in individual folders and not to face a space emergency each instince i obtain more. We are going to find out that they had very much more paper than anyohe (else) expected.

it is minor in volume but i also have what they have let out on mind-mending and behavior modification. this includes a congressional leak of the expurgated inspectorgeneral's report on the early drug program.

by the time all my foir requests have been met there is going to be very much more. i mean it quite literally, if i ever get all thef files on me it will take much space. i have been involved in much. when i can i will see if i can retrieve mybooks, hearings and other records of the earlier period i **xxirisment** deposited with the pre-boyle united mine workers. these inlude a large number of significant congressional hearings of the per- and world war II era.

while there are stacks of the unfiled, some borrowed and returned and an accumulation from the first illness of 4/75, its volume is not great in space. only injumifiating in filing time here. i try to do a little each day.

i am sorry chancellor dreyfus had so busy a schedule. he impressed me as able, a realgo-getter and as an imaginative mak man. if there were ever a night when we could just sit and talk i am sure he, if not i, would be able to expand this enormously. i know of other large files of political papers dealing with how the institutiond worked. copies, i am sue, can be had.

although i an not an academician i cal also see immediate scholarship in what we have in hand. one example is the i think harvard theses on the executive sessions. ignifux if this doctoral candidate does well and if her professirs guide her well there will bes a remarkable, prestigeous book in it, one without scholarly and literary precedent. the bureaucrats will never make that mistake a second time! they did not see devils loving scriptube in the future.

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if this can all be formalized and neminally funded i an certain there is much them thesis material and probably a number on thesis topics. one just popped up out of the past for a political science major, perhaps lit. i laid a book titled manchester machiavelli aside. the acciunt of the manchester jfk book could be worthwile. At amounts to authorized history and much more. it also is the authorized history run mandax anak. unless a couple of people will talk, as i doubt, i had something to do with the end if his and its status. I have about a filex drawer, mostly clippings and the like.

clippings crainds me. i gave jim most of my king clippings for some preparations of several years ago. i had them mounted first. there is a simple provess that is much faster than tedius scotch taying. some kind if heat-processed adhesive. i think you will want something of this nature. i would recommend that if one is obtained the maß decision be weighted in favor of saving time. there will be q great and amount of this. i am reminded of this by robbing a binder of old clippings dealing with native mazis, the early loyalty program, etc. i have about a bond paper box i removed from that binder. the amount of this of the past is about a file cabinet with a mane index i made. there is really a vast amount in my current files. I havenot been able to take time recently je mount. not for , ore than 10 years. my belief is that a standard size, like lettersized, should be decided on, what i have mounted is of this size. jim has much more mounted, with this there should be some thought about indexing for availability, the material will probably frustrate any existing libbarian's system. i mean subject. major subjects and breakdowns, here you can assume a load and it will not be light.

when i mentioned theses above i had in mind more than stevens point. for criminalists, law and pre-lawax students, what might noot be thought of, there is much and it is unique.

Byi the way, I have from e.r.d.a. all their raw material on all n.a.az, including paraffin tests and even adding-machine taxes.

i can not begin to tell you all the possibilities i see. there is a sidebar i made the mistake of trusting to a black writter i met by accident. I know how to feplace that material. it had nothing to do with jfk or king but is quites a thing. about 4 years ago there was a spectacular revolt in the black ghetto in new orleans where the unarmed kids prevailed against tanks an won the support of the black establishmeny.its could make a movie, surely writes a fibe book. historically it is, i think, important.

part of the rambling is from the slowness of 20 finger typing with one hand, part from interruptiond, part from not having time to organize a response. please ask if 1 have not provided a basis for the hardware,

there also is much for social sciences. part is files on the buff nuts and commercializers.

Best,



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Harold Weisberg Frederick, Mr. 21701

Dear Harold:

Today was very long. After six solid hours with lectures and student office hours I spent two hours in a meeting with the Chancellor's executive secretary and seven administrators and librarians, lecturing, presenting a picture, and discussing the university's future in holding, handling, and presenting objectively and with sanity assassination materials. The symposium has set their minds toward this goal.

One fundamental fact emerged. Despite all their training the librarians, catalogers, and film technicians cannot handle the material on the assassinations of JFK and MLK. They are lost and nothing works, except me. Your previous comments to me on the necessity for informed drived direction under someone who knows what is what came back to me time and again.

The Chancellor's secretary is an extremely able woman. She desrijed to get a picture set for the persons concerned with the material. This of course shows seriousness of purpose on the Chancellor's part and competence too. Also, she wished to establish x certain parts of this on the basis of hard money, the file drawers and so forth would become part of the University's budgetary processes and forever a part. Thus a minimal base is laid for the future, that despite the storms and tempests that might arise that we know not what of the institution will be able to maintain the integrity of the collecton. This is of course sound. (Already what we have and what I have in the way of documents impresses them.) Third, the Chanclellor demonstrates his seriousness in appraaching the question by this initial concdrete step, however small or necessarily restricted it might be. The seriousness of commiment to the future is an imporgrant element in the orientation of the university and is to be considered and so, More important as the Chancellor and the portions of this University that is connected with it, goes out to get funds for the foundation the solid steps show# that he and the university are dealing with realities and with quality. In this I agree.

Also, it permits the Chancellor to approach the community and the media and the Brard of Regents with a significant issue and builds his stature as it furthers social goals.

The institution moves slowly and decently and I continue to educate.

Regards David R. Wrone

cc. Jimmy lesar

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PS the neuropupers give the House more minimal to gero coverage !!