

dear dave,

12/3/86

excuse all lower case. minor tendon problem right arm.

in answer to question on extent, in cellar, all told, eight full-sized, 4-drawer, two empty ready for what i expect and four on order. before we are finished with king i will need them all. 5 transfer 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-sized drawers just moved in. have another pair of 2-drawer, letter-sized, only 1 pair full, other just started to use. can not begin to guess how many tapes, from radio and tv shows to private interviews.

many books, of course.

brought back 2700 pages fbi ~~xxxx~~ 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 explained, 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 on the first 400 pages it is my opinion 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 offices' files. not included in the 88 although there is probably duplication in contents. those of your people who deal with records can make 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 onetime, though.

i bought a second-hand card-file cabinet 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 no item.

this listing of cabinets includes all these records i have gotten from the cia. there will be more but i cannot now estimate its volume. i have 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 time i obtain more. we are going to find out that they had very much more paper than anyone (else) expected.

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

by the time all my foia requests have been met there is going to be very much more. i mean it quite literally, if i ever get all the files on me it will take much space. i have been involved in much. when i can i will see if i can retrieve my books, hearings and other records of the earlier period i ~~xxxx~~ deposited with the pre-boyle united mine workers. these include a large number of significant congressional hearings of the pre- 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 intimidating 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 real-go-getter and as an imaginative 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 institution worked. copies, i am sure, can be had.

although i am not an academician i can also see immediate scholarship in what we have in hand. one example is the i think harvard theses on the executive sessions. ~~xxxx~~



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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 ~~dring~~ 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 desired 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 collection. This is of course sound. (Already what we have and what I have in the way of documents impresses them.) Third, the Chancellor demonstrates his seriousness in approaching the question by this initial concrete step, however small or necessarily restricted it might be. The seriousness of commitment to the future is an important element in the orientation of the university and is to be considered ~~so~~ so, More important as the Chancellor and the portion 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 Board 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

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P.S. the newspapers give the House probe minimal to zero coverage!!