

Dear Dave,

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In what came from you in today's mail you solved a couple of questions for me and answered what I'd been curious about. So that for the missing spectro appeal documents I'd given up trying to locate and for the spectro affidavit I knew you had.

I'm sorry Dreyfus didn't make it. As an outsider who has little basis for opinion I hold the opinion that he made a very good showing against an entrenched machine. If he raises enough money to make a try, please let me know.

The story referred to him as flamboyant. Not so. He is not a stereotype, which does not make him flamboyant. His being himself is what I would regard as a positive qualification to be a politician. Few of whom are honest enough to be themselves.

From the showing he made your Republicans are less troglodytic than most. The party requires the Dreyfuses it might muster, not the Reagans, if it is to remain a viable political force that is other than totally a negative force.

Jim phoned a little while ago to confirm that the FBI has processed 116 VOLUMES of the Dallas Field Office records and is about to ship them. (So you see I am not extravagant in my file cabinet purchases, not am I only an optimist.)

I'll be following the same practise with them, keeping them as I receive them. I've already alerted the student who is doing this part of the filing.

We've won another battle vs the FBI. The DJ lawyer handling Jim's 0692 told Jim this morning that the FBI has been instructed to reprocess the files with a narrowed view of what they can get away with, especially on privacy claims.

Jim's belief is that the lawyer took a look and saw that the FBI was stretching it a bit much. Maybe. But I think the lawyer's eyes may have been opened a bit by the affidavits and the evidence they hold.

When you get the Hoover personal files on King (RFK, too) go over them with great care. They are rich, very rich, and extremely informative about how the real FBI really works. No reason to presume past tense.

From the creation of cover-the-ass records to bypassing the AG to boxing the president in, it is all there.

Best,