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8/16/77

Dear Paul, Hoch

The enclosed is from the FBI's personal files on me. I have received part of them, some heavily obliterated, as this shows. FYI, the obliteration extends to such names as Odio's and "ovelady's".

The venom of the FBI exceeds my expectations. This is a minor sample and this can be close to what someone (of seven-letter name) told the LA FBI agent. Others are really vicious, as was the secret uses some of which are unhidden. To illustrate, and I'd prefer that you tell nobody because there are many records yet to be provided and I want to get what I can, I'll tell you one story.

In what was sent to LBJ and all the AGs, whenever there was an occasion that could be stretched far enough and whenever I made any FOIA request for a long period of time, I was said to have celebrated the Russian revolution with a picnic at my "residence" and with annual guests of from 25 to 35 people.

I had to think little to figure this one out. There was only one occasion on which so many people came to the farm. It was not in November but in September, right after the high Jewish holidays. It was arranged and conducted annually by a rabbi. He and his wife were friends of ours - not even liberals. The picnickers were his flock. He was in charge of the Jewish Welfare Board's care of service personnel in the various military installations in the Washington area. They, including their kids, enjoyed seeing live animals, a day in the country, the various kinds of chickens and waterfowl we had, some quite colorful, and the kids really enjoyed seeing eggs hatch, baby chicks, and collecting eggs from under hens.

From what I have I can only imagine the uses made that remain withheld.

The enclosed is the second record relating to what you may remember, not to anything like this version. The other is an earlier record I've not been given and a record made from it. Except for the embellishments on what I intended doing to blame the FBI for the JFK killing this says all they let me have.

What this has to be based on is the compromise worked out with the Secret Service so I would not sue them and they would give me some record, as you know from my informing you then and from Post Mortem.

I can't think of anyone with whom I was in touch in LA during this time period. My last correspondents there stopped being correspondents after Garrison. I have not been out there since election day 1968. Unless Hal was still in touch, and I'd appreciate your phoning and asking him, you seem to be the only person on the west coast I'd have told about the SS deal. Can you think of anyone to whom you might have mentioned this? Like Lifton? I'd not have thought that even he, in his most malicious moments, would have cooked one like this up. I know very well that if you told him anything you did not lie and did not make stories up. But I really can't think of anyone else I could have said anything to in that period.

If it is Lifton I'll not write him about it. I am more than just curious about both parties. One of my interests is my intention of using the provision of PA that permits me to request rectification of error. I have already discussed this with Jim Lesar.

If you have any suggestions, I'd like to know.

Sincerely,

PW

Dear Paul,

8/16/77

I have received and have gone over the first batch of FBI personal records on me. They are far from complete, far from complete for the period covered, and venomous. They disclose much of the behind-the-back dirtyworks and how the FBI contrived a phoney "red" allegation and then misused it heavily, almost constantly. If the people who were there now knew how phoney the stuff is I doubt I'd have received most of it.

Here is an example: they have me celebrating the Russian revolution with an annual picnic attended by 25-35 people at my "residence" when I farmed. That many people could not fit in the living quarters of the unfinished house.

There was only one occasion on which so many people were there, not counting school kids. I think a class or two of youngsters was brought to see eggs hatch. This refers to adults and a picnic. The only possible occasion was an annual picnic arranged by the Jewish Welfare Board for Washington area service personnel and their families. It was always after the high holidays in September, not November. Nothing could be farther from an anniversary of the Russian revolution. But they fed this even to the White House. God knows how many Attorneys General and all sorts of other officials. In this they succeeded in getting everyone in any way involved on the official level with my FOIA requests united in a hate-Weisberg club. They used it regularly to get away with refusing to comply. On this latter point there are records and I do have them.

I'm enclosing a copy of a similar record from the Los Angeles field office. If I had known this one would follow I'd have made a copy of the earlier one. That is the FBI HQ exaggeration of what you can read here to have me saying that the Secret Service, through a high official, was giving me information to prove that the FBI killed JFK. (Can you imagine what that did, in DJ, FBI, SS and elsewhere?)

What is obliterated makes conjecture uncertain. However, I can conceive of this all being of other than evil intent by someone who had heard something and knew an FBI agent. I can imagine that this person, whose name has seven letters, was told this bullshit by someone else. The someone else interests me much because that someone made this up and must have had other than good purposes in mind. Going to the other extreme and based on what I have spent more than two days going over I can easily see the LA FBI exaggerating.

As best I can recall I was not in regular contact with anyone in LA at this time and had not been. My last trip to LA was 1968. I left on election day. Through the past decade the only one in LA with whom I have been in intermittent but continuous contact is Art Kevin. His name does not fit and nobody who knew me on a friendly basis would have failed to discuss the report with me.

There is a possibility that someone in LA was up to deliberate mischief, not the one whose name has seven letters. A person like Lifton. I did not know Freed then. But I have reason to believe that someone up to mischief did fabricate based upon the one thing that this can relate to.

There came a time when the Secret Service decided to co-exist with FOIA and to a limited degree with me. It invited me in for a conference and we worked out a compromise where they would provide copies of some records and in return I would not file suit against them. What I received is in Post Mortem. It is some of what I'd have received if I'd gone to court but to get this I did not have to go to court, a real advantage to me. However, I do not know anyone in LA I'd have told of this. I undoubtedly did tell Paul Hock, who may well have told others. He was in contact with Lifton. Others I do not know. The SS man with whom I dealt is Tom Kelley, assistant director. Two others were in on the conference. So I'm writing to ask if you ever heard any such story or can lead me back to the one who made this up or to the one who may in all innocence have reported to the FBI what he had heard. Note that this refers to the second-person having heard more, the name of the SS person.

Best,

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

DATE: 1/12/72

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (89-75) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
Dallas, Texas
11/22/63
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

The Bureau is aware of information previously furnished the Los Angeles Office by [REDACTED]

In response to a telephone call to the Los Angeles Office on 1/6/72, [REDACTED] was contacted by SA [REDACTED] on 1/10/72, and [REDACTED] provided the following information:

The high official of the U. S. Secret Service whose identity [REDACTED] did not know in previous contact with the FBI has been identified by an informant of [REDACTED] as [REDACTED]. According to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is providing HAROLD WEISBERG information concerning the FBI, which information is being used in a book being written by WEISBERG blaming the FBI for the assassination of President KENNEDY.

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