

Dear Mary,

p.s. of 2/1/78

As I think you will be able to see, there is no censorship. You are getting a copy of all the false and defamatory stuff of the FBI, all its twisting and contortings, insofar as Bill and Ken have found them.

Because I have been working on an affidavit I've not been able to look at any of the records of which they want copies. I knew there would be this newest effort to do damage and asked them to please look for it.

Because I was sure the stern trooper mind would be faithful to the stern trooper tradition I asked Jim to write a formal letter of notification that they had for months denied me my rights to respond ^{under} the Privacy Act by not complying with my requests and that he therefore was putting them on notice that they had no right under the law to release these records without giving me the opportunity for providing a written statement in rebuttal. They did not respond and they did release this frightful stuff in deliberate violation of the Act.

I'm not going to even look at it until after these people finish. They have time pressures. Tonight will be the last, at least this trip, that they'll be able to go over the records. That comes first now that I've just finished reading the draft of the affidavit I have to give Jim in the morning.

Besides, this may not be all of it. So one purpose of my writing is to ask that you please notify us promptly if you hear of any records, where you can give us citations.

Lil is copying them this minute. Every once in a while something catches her eye and she reads it. Including about her. She was subversive for being an inactive member of a women's shopper's league, pro-Nader consumerism. She never attended a meeting. She was cleared of everything despite the FBI and they didn't like that, either.

Lil had been doing some cleaning up in the basement and found an old letter that has a different representation of my supposedly subversive past. I beat the bastards in their frameup. This is what they never forgive. And I did it more than once.

I've been interrupted often. With regard to myself, for whatever it means, there is no basis for any allegation of being a Communist or anything like that. Ditto for Lil.

I'm also concerned about the others on whom Lil says there is defamation. However, all the records are now available in the reading room and are public. Rightly. I would hope that even those I do not like are consulted prior to any uses. Lil says she has copies for them and you stuff on Epstein, Sylvia and Hopkin, besides us.

The reporters spotted that Paul Rothermel was giving the FBI what I gave him. He had earlier denied to me doing this with the CIA. You'll have with this whatever they saw and said they want. I'll not have seen it.

If Lil can't finish all they want tonight, and they are still working and it is suppertime, she'll finish the copying after they leave and I'll send it all in one pkg. If the weather permits I'm to be measured for new venous supports in Washington tomorrow.

You may want to consider asking for the records on you and Buck. As you know and told me, they had Buck as a "ring assassin suspect. I do not want to pry but if you are in a hurry we have a CTOA item in the requests in a case already before the court. Bud has given us a waiver and I'm getting those and will give them to him. We can do the same for you if you'd like. All it would require is giving Jim a release to him or me only, to prevent their putting that in the reading room, too. We would, of course, make no use if anything. The advantage to you, if you want this, is both the saving of time and the reduced probability of withholding when it is already before a judge who is already impatient.

When I have time to go over these records I'll send Paul a set of copies and see what he has to say. I'm disappointed.

I will be referring all of this to Jim. We had earlier talked of legal action but we just have not had time. We'll find time soon.

I was in the war against Hitler and could have been killed in doing my part to try to prevent this kind of thing happening here. And Carter talks of "human rights" in the USSR. Preaches loudly, too. But I've not heard "cast first the mote from thine own eye."

Hastily,