

Dear Jim,

1/16/86

Last time you met me when I was down to see the surgeon you gave me several batches of papers disclosed to Mark Allen. Before I could get to go over them they were covered over. I wrote you about one yesterday. The other is a selection of cards I think you referred to as a sort of index but I'm not now certain. I think that these cards are a tickler by an FBIHQ SA who had special areas of responsibility and that he prepared these cards for his own use. Otherwise he'd have had full names and checked spellings, of names. You wrote on the first pages, "11/26/85 Release C.A. 81-1206." (Clearly these are not abstracts.) In part these cards indicate certain damage control interests. They also are prepared to obscure. There are, for example, a number of cards referring to what is not once mentioned, the flap over the leak of the fact that Oswald had left a threatening letter for Hosty at the DL FBI office. Instead there is reference to affidavits and FD 302s relating to an undescribed investigation of that date.

There is a single card headed "Autopsy" and there is no other reference to the autopsy itself. This card refers only to the report of the Clark panel. (Another card can be taken to mean that the FBI has copies of the autopsy photos.)

It interests me that on several cards the source is listed as a tickler, not an FBI main file, and indicates in every case that the tickler itself is filed outside the main file, as a Bulky. The Bulkies then were stored separately, on what the FBI then referred to as its "Bulky Ramp." There is a separate card headed "TICKLERS" on which the ticklers cited under proper names are listed, with the same Bulky filing noted. Phillips' lies about ticklers again.

Two cards, one Ford and the other Kilgallen, as much as state that it was Ford who leaked the Oswald diary and other things to Kilgallen. Ford loudly denied any leaking at the time and the FBI, while being careful to cover itself, wrote him a letter he could and did use as FBI exoneration. (Bud may have friends who might be interested.)

If one SA did this, is there any reason to believe that others did not? It was probably repeated often, in perhaps different form and covering different info.

He made sure to be able to recover two of my appearances, one with Joe Pyne and the other, where I was really terrible, on WAVA, at a time when I was trying to meet the competition, which I should never have done. Obvious they do not here list all the tapes of my appearances and Lanes that they have. They also list only a couple of the books, not including any of the best-known ones.

Best,