

Dear Dave,

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Today the first 2 10 sections of the DJ Criminal Division JFK files came, 514 docs, 119 referred and not included. We had a close call on it, as my enclosed letter indicates. They had it packaged poorly, sent it regular mail, and although it was raining the mailman left it at the box. Fortunately Ray was not far behind him.

I'll be reading these when I rest. I hope the wet weather ends so I can get out and work and exercise more. And mow grass before that is impossible! I'm deep in another project so I went over the first few only. You'll be particularly happy with copies of originals, like the holograph and original carbon of Katzenbach's letter to ^{the}oyers saying we gotta prove Oswald guilty and end speculation - before any investigation.

We won the spectro case all over again, appeals. I presume Jim will send you a copy of the decisions. Mine has not come yet but he told me about it yesterday. The decision was the day before. We've made precedent again. Back to square 1 again! I wonder where I'll get the money to pay court reporters, for that we are headed for again, this time with Pratt told not to cut us off. (And not to take the FBI's unproven word over mine!)

The present rush project, from which I had to take time today for some shopping, is response to a new DJ motion for summary judgement, called partial but actually the end if granted in the King case, 1996. I started doing a memo for Jim on it as I read it, unfortunately the way I have to work. I did not get too far into it when I realized it would have to be an affidavit, and Jim has agreed. So when I read and correct it I'll also have some rewriting to do. I've finished the draft, about 40 pages. he'll die! But what I've done is totally destroy all they said, whether in motions or affidavit or documentary attachment, which ran over 500 pages. You talk about smiting hip and thigh! I'm getting that bastard who replaced Beckwith, and a bigger one that Beckwith, where they come together. I've proven that he lied over and over again and under oath and had to know better. That he misrepresented, with copies of what he misrepresented. In considerable specificity and detail. The judge may not want to take the time to read it - and may not - but I'll make a record. Which is why we prevailed in the spectro case, if you recall your commentary on my affidavits in it. And for you historians, also a record. I don't know how much cutting I'll be able to do but I'll start revising in the early a.m.

Rae has been invaluable. She has been able to do all the searching. I'd not have been able to. We've checked more than enough, too!

The shopping I had to do included getting back a new broadcast seeder I've not yet used but appeared to be wrong. The moles have been terrible and the situation is dangerous for ^{the}il because they make so many tunnels and piles. I've run over all the piles and packed them as best I can with the tractor. What killed grass, too. So I'm putting out diazinon for the grubs. If I kill them the moles have no reason to be here to live off of them. I guess I got them when some of my neighbors out out milky spore, which parasites on the grubs. This left the grubs in this immediate vicinity here only, so the moles have been pided pipered here.

The Criminal Division records are being copied on legal sized paper, as you'd expect of lawyers. Rae has already begun to bind them in legal size folders. regular ones, not having heard about archival ones. She is also punching them, quite time consuming because my punch, pre World War II, takes only perhaps six sheets at a time. Shame to have to spend time that way, but these must be protected and we learned with the King records that the binder clips rust.

If this is a fair sample of the space per section, what I'll be getting will run 2 1/2 to 3 feet. I'm inclined to expect more in the end.

olicoff phoned last night. He's moving to RKO's Boston TV station to see time there rather than for the RKO sales service in NYC. He is interested in your biblio. If you have them suggest you send him a half dozen or so flyers. He'll give them to others. He's impressed by what Sylvia told him about it. I think he said Sylvia.

I'm hoping Jim and Howard can get up here this weekend, as planned last weekend. Howard's firm sent him to LA for until today, so last weekend was out.

The friend who was here and really was just leaving when you phoned is a 6'6" Dutchman, also from Wilmington, who with his son-in-law was getting some of Lil's surplus flowers.

His 13-year-old daughter spent that rainy Sunday with a multitude of other local young people marching for some charity like dystrophy. 1300 of them, including her for the second year, finished the 25 miles. Her sponsors contributed about \$25.

The younger generation may be soft, but not all of them.

One of the other faculty members recommended the political assassinations as the topic of an honors paper for a Hood student. She likes the idea and Jerry asked me for suggestions. I recommended the same "Invaders-Sanitation strike file he has, he liked it and she does. She was here with him several days ago and we more or less worked it out. I'll get copies of everything, including notes, so you will have that also with those files. She impresses me favorably. Of course she has to be a better than average student to qualify for that. So maybe her notes and other work will also be better.

Best to all,