

JL, Re the Byers market in FBI

HW 7/27/78

I was right in expecting we'd get a call from Quin but it was to me, not to you.

I won't go into all of it because some is or is about to be in the mail to each of us.

On the Times story and what has followed it he ~~is~~ also has trouble believing that an agent about to retire could make the alleged mistake.

He knows something about it because the Post-Dispatch among other was in touch.

He is going to go over to the p.r. office and ask them to make the document public-give it to all.

My hunch is that SAs Hartingh and Howard knew he would not be back in his office in time to do anything but catch his bus because he was at the FBI on my case, mostly if not entirely King.

Meaning the FBI was playing for time. Leading to why. Most obvious is repetition of same story. Or time to build another one.

He had a ~~KL~~ Hoover story for me.

In illumination of my point that the FOIA processors did not give a damn about King's reputation or his family's privacy I sent him the record with the Hoover note saying that King is a tomcat. The LaPrade Milwaukee record. He told the FBI he would not support me on that because in calling King a tomcat Hoover was not being factual. He was expressing an opinion, therefore they did right not to withhold that.

In your letter, on Kathy Ainsworth, his people found that the withholding was over her mother. But Quin recalled my reference to "her crazy mother" so he knew there was nothing to protect, that it is known she is crazy.

He appears to have picked up on the specifics, that is, of what I had provided in one form or another, and will have his people checking some of them out. Like the Aeromarine names.

Morris Davis was not lost upon him.

Hastily,