

Dr. James E. O'Neill
Director
FBI Appraisal Project

With regard to "confidential files" maintained in his office as mentioned in the November 12, 1971, memorandum, Mr. Felt indicated to the best of his recollection, Mr. Hoover instructed that he maintain correspondence related to Mr. Felt's inquiry of Mr. Sullivan's participation in the so-called "White House wire taps." Mr. Felt indicated prior to his retirement, all record material related to this matter was placed on record at FBIHQ. Mr. Felt's assertion is confirmed by the existence of this material in the Special File Room at FBIHQ. This is further substantiated by the fact that the November 2, 1971, memorandum from Mr. Felt to Mr. Tolson was not in Mr. Felt's possession and, in fact, Mr. Felt apparently confused this memorandum with his October 25, 1971, memorandum in his book. As Dr. Dollar was previously advised, the original of the November 2, 1971, memorandum was located in an FBIHQ file.

Mr. Felt advised that after he retired, he began to sort through his personal papers which were removed from his office and he found the October 25, 1971, memorandum. Realizing the significance of this document and other non-record items contained in his personal papers, he turned them over to the Watergate Special Prosecution Force and obtained a receipt for this material on March 28, 1974. Mr. Felt advised he did not have any FBI record material in his possession.

I trust the foregoing is responsive to concerns expressed in your May 13, 1983, letter. Please do not hesitate to call upon me for additional assistance in this matter.

With best personal regards,

RW
Robert W. Scherrer
Section Chief
Records Section
Records Management Division

NOTE: In response to Dr. O'Neill's 5/13/83 letter
Contact with Mr. Felt was coordinated [redacted]

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To: *W. Mark Felt*
The Director

Date 1/25/84

From: Legal Counsel *JMS*

Subject: AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION STANDING
COMMITTEE ON LAW AND NATIONAL
SECURITY;
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

W. Mark Felt

On January 20, 1984, [] an officer of captioned committee, handed me the attached Xeroxed copy of a letter addressed to the Chairman of the committee by a member of the news media. [] said that [] committee's publication "Intelligence Report" mentioned in the reporter's letter and he was concerned about the allegations made in the letter. The notations made in the margin and on the letter are those of [].

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On January 24 [] called me and inquired as to how he might obtain a copy of the Director's communication to all SACs which was sent following the dismissal of the indictments of Felt and Miller. I suggested to [] that the appropriate procedure would be to request a copy of the communication pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.

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He inquired whether the committee secretary could make that request. I told him that would be proper.

He was interested in obtaining information to support the statements challenged by the reporter. I told him that in my view the sentence regarding the antisubversive activities by the FBI was an overstatement and that he could defend the statements only on the grounds that he was dealing in perceptions and not absolute facts.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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Enclosure

1 - Mr. Young
1 - Mr. Mintz

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January 4, 1983

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American Bar Association Standing
Committee on Law and National Security
University of Virginia Law School
Route 3 Box 3
Charlottesville, Virginia 22901

Dear [Redacted]:

Although I have been active in various American Bar Association committees for more than a decade, I was asked only recently to become affiliated with the Standing Committee on Law and National Security which [Redacted] I was not familiar with the Committee's publication, "Intelligence Report."

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May I tell you with great sadness that I was stunned by the first copy to cross my desk. I found the content to be shrill and seriously out of balance. The December 1983 edition is an anti-media, pro intelligence community diatribe lacking the sort of evenhandedness and maturity I would have expected from an American Bar Association publication. I do not understand how it can be issued under the sponsorship of the A.B.A.

Some examples: "The opposition of the media (to polygraph tests to stop leaks) is not difficult to understand because obviously the media, as it currently perceives its role, would best be served by regulations that permit a maximum of leakage from the Executive branch and a minimum of punishment, or no punishment at all, for those guilty of perpetrating the leaks." Which media? All media? Could "the media" have other reasons? Could some newspeople have honest, good-faith, unselfish reasons for opposing polygraph examinations? Apparently not, or none came to the mind of the "Intelligence Report."

The next story: "Completely unnoticed by the media, the convictions of W. Mark Felt and Edward S. Miller, former top-ranking FBI officials, were ordered vacated by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on November 15." Completely unnoticed? How does the "Intelligence Report" know that? Did it check? If its editors had, they would have discovered that we discussed the story at length here before we decided, for many reasons, not to run it. The Justice Department itself described

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the move as "a housekeeping action" to forestall the time and expense of defending against a Felt-Miller appeal in a matter which was otherwise dead. I encountered two Washington Post reporters who worked on the story, and whose desk apparently made the same judgment, right or wrong, as mine.

Turn to the next page. The "Intelligence Report" has some wonderfully colored (purple, or otherwise) things to say about the critics of polygraph tests and no doubt at all about their defenders: "In response to this vision of dragnet operations that might involve thousands of federal employees in polygraph examinations as a result of a single leak, Mr. Willard in his testimony made it abundantly clear that no dragnet operations of any kind were contemplated." Oh?,"

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And to finish things off with a flourish, the "Intelligence Report" tells us, again on the Felt-Miller matter: ~~"Thus ends a case that had had the effect of virtually paralyzing antismuggling activities by the FBI in the latter part of the '70s and early '80s."~~ That may have been the stuff of closing argument at their trial, which I covered, but it is not an objective and impartial evaluation of the performance of the FBI, which I also covered.

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Clearly, this is propaganda -- not information -- and an embarrassment to the A.B.A., in my judgment. I suggest respectfully that the matter deserves your attention.

Sincerely

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October 7, 1983

Dr. James E. O'Neill
Assistant Archivist
for Public Programs and
Exhibits and Director,
FBI Appraisal Task Force
National Archives and Records Service
Washington, D. C. 20408

Felt, W. Mark

Dear Jim:

In response to your letter of October 4, 1983, please be advised that the FBI accepts Mr. Felt's assertion that he now has no FBI record material in his possession. We note Mr. Felt's open cooperative attitude and his assistance in providing us with a non-record copy of the November 12, 1971, memorandum which we were unable to locate in Bureau files, so that our records would be complete.

We believe that no additional action is necessary.

I appreciate your assistance in resolving this matter.

Sincerely,

RWS

Robert W. Scherrer
Section Chief
Records Section
Records Management Division

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1 - Mr. Mintz (Attention:)
1 - Mr. Monroe
1 - Mr. Scherrer

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Note: In response to Dr. O'Neill's letter, dated 10/4/83.

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To : Mr. Mintz *JMH*

Date 1/31/84

From : C. P. Monroe *CM*

Subject : AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION STANDING
 COMMITTEE ON LAW AND NATIONAL
 SECURITY;
 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

W. Mark Felt

In reference to your memo to the Director dated 1/25/84, the FOIPA Section has located the teletype to all field offices from the Director, dated 12/7/83 advising of the dismissal of the indictments of W. Mark Felt and Edward ~~Miller~~. This appears to be document requested under the FOIA by the American Bar Association (ABA).

The teletype has been processed under the FOIPA and can be released without excision. The cover letter and copy of the teletype will be ready for transmittal to the ABA on 2/1/84.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. Monroe
- 1 - Mr. Baker
- 1 - Mr. Hall

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Honorable William H. Webster, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Judge Webster,

Here again, I am imposing on your time by addressing this letter to you marked "Personal." It is not that I expect any special attention, I just want to be sure you are aware from the outset of what I am doing.

Enclosed is a rough draft manuscript of my second attempt at book writing. Please have it referred to the appropriate office for review. I am quite sure that I have not included anything of a Classified nature. However, during my trial I signed an agreement that if allowed access to Classified documents in preparation for the Defense, I would thereafter submit anything I might write to the Bureau for review.

Essentially the book consists of interesting FBI cases in which I personally participated but which were eliminated by the publisher from the FBI PYRAMID. I thought they were the best part!

I hope whoever reviews the manuscript will feel free to make suggestions for changes or additions - as well as suggestions for deletions.

I have not contacted any Agents or Publishers and will not do so until I hear from you.

With every good wish. By the way, I have you picked to fill the next vacancy on the Supreme Court.

Respectfully,

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PERSONAL

March 10th, 1986

Mr. William M. Baker, Assistant Director
Office of Congressional and Public Affairs
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th and Penna. Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Bill,

This will acknowledge and thank you for your letter of March 5th, 1986, advising that my manuscript, "An Unexpected Turn of Events, is undergoing prepublication review.

You enclosed a copy of the "Employment Agreement" and advised that my prior book, "The FBI Pyramid," would have fallen within its provisions. I am not exactly sure what you meant.

First, I don't believe I signed such an agreement when I entered on duty over 45 years ago. You would be able to tell from the file.

Second, in writing the first book I deliberately stayed away from material which I felt was sensitive. In fact, key portions of the book were reviewed by FBI Officials and I did redact all that was requested.

I did sign a copy of the "Employment Agreement" while preparing my defense in the Criminal Charges against me. I had to before being allowed to review any of the pertinent files.

Please be assured that I will redact any material you request. Also I will make any additions, deletions or changes or any other material which you may suggest.

Warm regards,

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W. Mark Felt

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March 5, 1986

Mr. W. Mark Felt
Apartment 1725
307 Yoakum Parkway
Alexandria, Virginia 22304

Dear Mark:

Your February 4, 1986, letter to Judge Webster and the manuscript you enclosed have been referred to my office for processing.

Your manuscript, "An Unexpected Turn of Events," currently is undergoing prepublication review to ensure that no classified or sensitive material is included in the text. This procedure is in accordance with provisions of the "Employment Agreement," which all Bureau employees have long been required to sign. A current copy of the agreement is enclosed. You will note your prior book, "The FBI Pyramid," would have fallen within its provisions.

I will notify you as soon as review of your manuscript is completed.

Sincerely,

William M. Baker
Assistant Director
Office of Congressional
and Public Affairs

Enclosure

1 - Mr. W. Baker - Enclosure
1 - Mr. T. Baker - Enclosure

NOTE: By OCPA AD Baker's 2/14/86 informal memos to Mr. Geer and Mr. Clarke, copies of Mr. Felt's manuscript were furnished to Divisions 5 and 6 for their review. Mr. Felt, former Associate Director of Bu, requested info for his book, "The FBI Pyramid," through FOIA, Bufile 190-34. Salutation per Miss Southers, AD Baker's Administrative Assistant. Although Felt indicates he is submitting manuscript because of agreement he signed while on trial for authorizing surreptitious entry of Weather Underground Organization premises by Bu SAs, he actually was bound by the FBI Employment Agreement to do so.

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W. MARK FELT
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ALEXANDRIA, VA. 22304

March 30th, 1983

Mr. Robert Scherrer
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W. - Room #5644
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Bob,

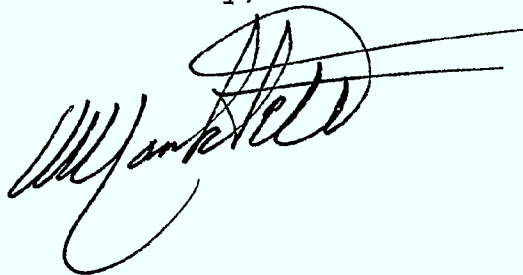
Pursuant to our conversation yesterday, I am enclosing copies of two documents in question. These are the copies in my file - with abbreviations, typos and marginal notes.

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I am unable to account for the discrepancy in dates but I do recall that I rewrote the original memorandum to Mr. Tolson which was prepared in the Intelligence Division.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. Mark Felt', with a large circular flourish and a horizontal line extending to the right.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C. 20535

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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November 12, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FELT

With reference to your memorandum of November 2, 1971, which I am returning with in order for it to be placed in the Confidential Files, in conversation with the Attorney General on November 1, 1971, he advised me that the Sensitive Files which W. C. Sullivan had, without my authority, turned over to Assistant Attorney General Mardian had not been destroyed but had been sent to [redacted] at the White House to be kept there. The Attorney General stated this was done in view of the fact that should any Congressional inquiry be made and a subpoena issued to the Department of Justice or the FBI, we would not have such files in our custody and the White House under Executive privilege would be in a position to refuse availability to the files since they were in the possession of the White House, namely, [redacted].

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I expressed to the Attorney General my concern about this whole matter and the way in which it had been handled rather surreptitiously between Mr. Mardian and Mr. Sullivan. I stated that I hoped that the full contents of the Sensitive Files had actually been turned over to [redacted] and that not one had retained any copies, either original or Xerox. The Attorney General indicated he believed this had been done.

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This memorandum should also be incorporated in the Confidential Files which you have in your office.

Very truly yours,

(J. E. H.) (no brackets)

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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March 19, 1986

[Handwritten signature]

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Mr. W. Mark Felt
Apartment 1725
307 Yoakum Parkway
Alexandria, Virginia 22304

Dear Mark:

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This is to respond to your letter of March 10, 1986, and to supplement my March 5, 1986, letter to you.

Review of your enclosed manuscript, "An Unexpected Turn of Events," has been completed. It was determined that no sensitive information pertaining to the FBI is included in the text. You may, however, wish to consider submitting pages 115 and 116 to the Central Intelligence Agency for their review.

The "Employment Agreement" which was enclosed with my March 5 letter was furnished for information only. Your February 4 letter appeared to indicate that you submitted your manuscript for prepublication review only because of an agreement you signed during your trial. Actually, all sensitive information you obtained during your employment with the FBI is protected, and you certified to such in documents you signed on January 26, 1942, and November 30, 1962, copies of which are enclosed. While these earlier versions of our "Employment Agreement" do not specifically state that manuscripts must be furnished to the Bureau for prepublication review, I think you will agree that it is a reasonable expectation in view of their nondisclosure prohibitions.

We appreciate all your cooperation. Best wishes for the success of your book.

Sincerely,

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William M. Baker
Assistant Director
Office of Congressional
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Mr. W. Mark Felt

NOTE: OCPA AD Baker's 3/5/86 letter informed former Associate Director Felt that his manuscript was being reviewed for sensitive material and enclosed copy of current "Employment Agreement" because Felt's 2/4/86 letter seemed to indicate that he was only submitting his manuscript because he had signed an agreement protecting information obtained in preparation for his criminal trial. Felt is bound to protect sensitive information by two prior employment agreements which were found in his personnel file, 67-276576, Sections 1 and 4. AD Baker's 3/5/86 letter was only intended to apprise Mr. Felt of current policy and to remind him of his obligation to ensure the highest level of security to sensitive Bureau information, which includes not only his current manuscript, but his previous one and any future projects. A copy of Mr. Felt's manuscript will be retained in OCPA Research Unit. Manuscript was reviewed by personnel in INTD and CID.

W. MARK FELT
307 YOAKUM PARKWAY - APT. 1725
ALEXANDRIA, VA. 22304

May 9th, 1990

Hon. William S. Sessions, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building
10th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Director Sessions,

This is with further reference to my letter of April 25th, 1990, with which I enclosed a chapter, "The Blandling Solution," of a book which I have been writing.

I have now completed the entire manuscript, which will be entitled "Thirteen Interesting FBI Cases." A copy is enclosed for Bureau review.

Hopefully, what I have written puts the FBI, as I knew it, in a good light. I am positive nothing is included which would improperly disclose confidential data relating to the FBI.

Pursuant to my agreement with the Bureau, this is submitted for Bureau review prior to dealing with a publisher. This is not a request for FBI approval, however, I do need advice that the Bureau has no objection to publication.

Thank you,

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Memorandum



To : *WJB* Baker

Date 5/22/90

From : *RBD/ERA/pmt* R. B. Davenport

Subject: PREPUBLICATION REVIEW OF
MANUSCRIPT SUBMITTED BY FORMER FBI
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR (AD) W. MARK FELT

PURPOSE: To forward captioned manuscript to the Criminal Investigative Division (CID) for review, in accordance with existing prepublication review policy.

DETAILS: By letter dated 5/9/90 (copy attached), former AD W. MARK FELT forwarded a manuscript entitled, Thirteen True Stories About The FBI, to the Office of Public Affairs (OPA) for prepublication review. Mr. FELT advises that nothing is included in the manuscript which would improperly disclose confidential data relating to the FBI. In view of the subject matter contained in the attached manuscript, CID is requested to review it, marking thereon any material which should be deleted or revised prior to publication, to ensure that no information of a sensitive nature is discussed. Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 17.144, requires the OPA to provide a substantive response to the author within 30 working days of receipt of his manuscript. Therefore, it is imperative that CID respond no later than COB 6/8/90. In order to expedite our response, please call [redacted] of my staff, extension 3284, to pick up CID response, upon approval.

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RECOMMENDATION: That CID review the attached manuscript and provide its observation to OPA, as outlined above.

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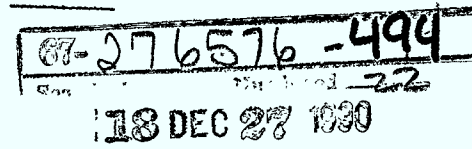
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SEE CID ADDENDUM ATTACHED

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OFF. OF PUBLIC AFFS.

Memorandum from R. B. Davenport to Mr. Baker, dated 5/22/90
Re: Prepublication Review of
Manuscript Submitted by Former FBI
Associate Director (AD) W. Mark Felt

ADDENDUM: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION (CID), 6/7/90, JFG:mmt ²⁴ ^{slr}

The manuscript entitled, Thirteen True Stories About the FBI submitted to the Office of Public Affairs for prepublication review by former AD W. Mark Felt was reviewed by SSA Joseph F. Giglio, Fugitive/Government Reservation Crimes Unit. Nothing of a sensitive nature that should not be disclosed to the public was noted.

Concerning the accuracy of his statements, the penultimate line on page 47 states "The FBI no longer searches for Military Deserters." The FBI has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Defense in which it is agreed the FBI would apprehend military deserters in those cases where aggravating circumstances exist in addition to the desertion offense. It is suggested Mr. Felt's statement be revised to reflect this.

Mr. Felt indicates on page 75, line 5, that the FBI's Most Wanted List was conceived during the mid-fifties. The Ten Most Wanted Program was initiated on March 14, 1950.

There were no other known inaccuracies noted during this review.

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June 28, 1990

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Mr. W. Mark Felt
Apartment 1725
307 Yoakum Parkway
Alexandria, Virginia 22304

Dear Mr. Felt:

The Research Unit of the Office of Public Affairs (OPA) has completed the prepublication review of your proposed book entitled, Thirteen True Stories About The FBI. Nothing of a sensitive or classified nature was found in the manuscript. Therefore, OPA has no objection to its publication.

However, we do suggest that the following inaccuracies be noted and revised. The penultimate line on page 47 states, "The FBI no longer searches for Military Deserters." The FBI has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Defense in which it is agreed that the FBI would apprehend military deserters in those cases where aggravating circumstances exist in addition to the desertion offense. Also, on page 75, line 5, you indicate that the FBI's Most Wanted list was conceived during the mid-fifties. The Ten Most Wanted Program was initiated on March 14, 1950.

Your manuscript is being returned to you. I wish you well in its publication.

Sincerely,

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Robert B. Davenport
Inspector In Charge
Office of Public Affairs

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Davenport - Enclosure
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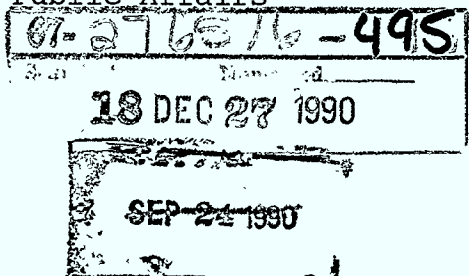
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