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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Brown's defense team should have seen notes

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First let me state that I am in no way related to Jim Brown even though I have the same last name. That being said, I must voice my dissatisfaction with the judge who presided over his case and denied Brown and his defense lawyers access to the FBI's handwritten notes.

How can it be "OK" for one defendant's lawyers to have access to these documents but "not necessary" for Brown's lawyers? If, as the judge said, the transcripts of those notes have the same information as in the notes then what is the harm in providing copies of the original notes to the defense lawyers?

I hypothesize if you compare the transcripts to the original FBI notes you will find some significant information has been left out because when the agents wrote their official reports from those notes, some information, namely information that might have an adverse impact on them making their case, was omitted. All of this would be easily put to rest by the judge allowing the defense to see the notes. Could there also be other influences at work, such as judges who do not help the federal government make their cases are marked and do not move up the ladder?


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Just conjecture on my part but after 13 years in law enforcement reading between the lines is a habit. Many times what is not said is just as important as what is.