

Other writers Item

At the time Dr. King was killed the FBI placed stories it wanted to appear with reporters it regarded as friendly or otherwise to its liking.

It was a common FBI practise to plant such stories under conditions that detached the FBI from those stories.

This practise extended to magazines and books.

Among those FBI personnel who performed such functions at the time Dr. King was killed are Cartha De Loach ("General Crimes") and T.E. Bishop.

There is an Item of the FOIA requests in this instant cause relating to information the FBI provided to other writers. One of the other writers named in that item is Jeremiah O'Leary, of the Washington Star and Readers Digest.

In complying with ~~this item of the~~ these FOIA requests the FBI refused to search any FBI HQ files other than its "MURKIN" file.

When Weisberg asked that the De Loach and Bishop and "General Crimes" files be searched he was told there are no independent files preserved in those offices and were none preserved by those FBI officials.

The FBI did provide Weisberg with copies of records from the MURKIN file which state that the FBI could not be connected with O'Leary's writing and that it had not provided him with any of the information he published.

After/disclosure that O'Leary had had a cozy relationship with the FBI, <sup>contained</sup> ~~continued~~ in the FBI's release of some of its records on the assassination of President Kennedy made available on January 18, 1978, O'Leary stated that most of the information in his Readers Digest story on James Earl Ray came from the FBI.

The FBI has other files containing records called for by Weisberg's FOIA requests relating to the King assassination.

The FBI has an "80" file for "public relations" matters.

It has not searched this and other files for records called for in Weisberg's FOIA requests.

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It has provided Weisberg with no record from its "80" file or from/other that Murkin.

The FBI has books ~~other than Weisberg's~~ on the King assassination other than Weisberg's.

Among these other books is one written by Gerold Frank.

Gerold Frank is listed in this Item relating to information provided to other writers. , An American Death,  
The FBI has read Gerold Frank's book and has used the index to his book.

Throughout the Frank book there is ~~use of FBI records~~  
extensive use of information from FBI files.

Clay Blair, another writer listed in this Item, credits the FBI with assisting him in his book.

The FBI has not delivered to Weisberg any records that are copies of information provided to O'Leary, Frank or Blair.