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JL - non-compliance with my FOIA requests that cannot be complied with from the 1/18/78 releases.

The FBI's initial interest in TSBP pictures was limited to finding Oswald in one. For the first two days they compiled a file of such pictures and then lost interest. Maybe it was pictures taken the first two days.

It appears that Powell took more than one picture and that they were color transparencies. It is likely that xeroxes of them are in the first releases.

They have a drawer full of such pictures, according to Richard the E Sprague, who was there.

The Powell request is one of the older ones and it is a specific request for an identified record the FBI does and did have. But it is in the first release.

Therefore, this proves, by itself, that compliance is not possible by giving me the second release in response to all my requests, as the DJ told Gesell.

I'm pretty sure I gave you a memo on this as soon as I could after I was home.

I'm also sure that there are other illustrations and that almost none can be complied with in the second half of the releases.

Sprague reconstructs that the picture Newcomb got was taken something like 10 seconds after the shooting, almost no time at all after Dillard's of the bldg. I have not seen the entire negative or a print made from it so I can't be sure but I'm confident that if the accounts of what Powell said are accurate the picture was taken a little later.

Newcomb sees shadows he says are of a rifle. Sprague disagrees and says there is nobody in the window, which excites him. I'm sure the pictures does not show anyone in that window.

By the way, some of my requests are for access to movies. These cannot be supplied from the xeroxes they have released.

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