

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

HAROLD WEISBERG,

Plaintiff,

v.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION,

Defendant.

Civil Action Nos.
78-322 and 78-420
(Consolidated)

DEFENDANT'S NEW ORLEANS FIELD OFFICE ANSWERS
TO INTERROGATORIES 12(a), 32 AND 33 OF
PLAINTIFF'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES

Pursuant to the Court's Order of April 13, 1983, the defendant, Federal Bureau of Investigation, hereby answers interrogatories 12(a), 32 and 33 of plaintiff's First Set of Interrogatories. These answers are applicable only to the defendant's New Orleans Field Office.

INTERROGATORY 12. Has the FBI conducted a search to determine whether there are any records in the Dallas and New Orleans Field Offices related to the assassination of President Kennedy which repose in:

(a) special file rooms;

Answer to Interrogatory 12(a). As noted in its previous response to this interrogatory subpart, the New Orleans Field Office has never maintained a room which was designated or referred to as a special file room. Hence, the FBI's search in New Orleans did not, and could not have encompassed such a room.

In addition, all of the files in the New Orleans Office, regardless of their location within the office, are indexed to the general indices. Any files in the office pertaining to the Kennedy assassination -- again, regardless of their location -- were thus included in these consolidated cases by virtue of the FBI's search of New Orleans' general indices.

INTERROGATORY 32. Do the Dallas and New Orleans Field Offices maintain ELSUR indices? If so, please list all subjects on which an ELSUR search was conducted in each field office and state when and by whom the search was made.

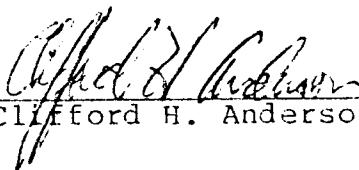
Answer to Interrogatory 32. Yes. As a result of plaintiff's administrative appeals in these consolidated cases, the New Orleans Field Office conducted, under the direction of Special Agent Clifford H. Anderson, a search of its ELSUR indices for the following subjects: David Ferrie; Fair Play for Cuba Committee; James C. Garrison; John F. Kennedy; Lee Harvey Oswald; Marguerite Claverie Oswald; Marina Nikloaevna Oswald, nee Prusakova; Jack Leon Ruby; Clay Shaw; Senstudy; and, Warren Commission. That search was conducted on February 11, 1981.

INTERROGATORY 33. Subsequent to the filing of Mr. Weisberg's affidavit alleging that he had been picked up on a wiretap in New Orleans, did the FBI make any investigation to determine if this was true?

Answer to Interrogatory 33. The FBI does not know what affidavit plaintiff is referencing here. The FBI assumes that plaintiff is referring to his "Settlement Proposal" which he filed on April 5, 1982, and wherein he indicated that, inter alia, he wanted

documents on "Weisberg report on Mafia threat." As Special Agent John N. Phillips noted in his declaration of April 15, 1982 (filed in support of Defendant's Response to Plaintiff's Settlement Proposal), FBI Headquarters personnel did investigate the accuracy of the comments made by plaintiff in that part of his "Settlement Proposal."

We have read the foregoing answers to interrogatories 12(a), 32 and 33 of plaintiff's First Set of Interrogatories and declare under penalty of perjury that such answers are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.



Clifford H. Anderson



Willis A. Newton



John N. Phillips

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify on this 16th day of May, 1983, I have served the foregoing Defendant's New Orleans Field Office Answers To Interrogatories 12(a), 32 and 33 of Plaintiff's First Set Of Interrogatories, by first class mail, postage pre-paid to:

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