

Hidden Dallas FBI Files on Assassination Books - Critics

I saw this record and copied it for you for possible use because it is an example of the ignored search information I provided, on how the FBI hides records but, Improper it may find embarrassing and yet is able to retrieve them ~~yet~~, from the file classification, holding them to be not relevant. 80 classification, which is the file to which SAC/Shanklin designated his memo on this book, is for "Laboratory Research Matters" which, obviously a book on the assassination isn't. It is used for other purposes by the field offices, ranging from the one illustrated to its propaganda activities and even contacts with local police, from records disclosed to me and in the case record. Even when its own search slips identified the existence of relevant 80 files it withheld them in this litigation. I provided FBI records in this litigation reflecting the improper uses of the 80 classification to withhold relevant information, both field offices, along with detailed explanations.

What may amuse you is that this 80 classification was also used to file SAC Shanklin's butter-up job on Bishop, talking the owner of the Fort Worth Hotel in to give that suite which JFK and Jackie spent their last night to the Bishops, without cost. This is in the case record, too, or the appeals, or both, and I think both.

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On Monday, 11/20/67, Mr. JIM BISHOP and his wife KELLY appeared at the office and discussed with me the book he is going to write about the day President KENNEDY died. He was most appreciative of the accommodations he had had at the Hotel Texas, Ft. Worth, stating that the suite that the late President KENNEDY had used the night before his death had been made available to him gratis by the management.

He then furnished me with a list, which is attached, of various people that he stated he was going to try to see in Dallas. He stated he did want to talk to SA VINCENT E. DRAIN and me about what we did on the day of the assassination, with particular reference to the securing of the evidence from the Dallas Police Department by SA DRAIN, the time, how it was taken to Washington, and when it arrived in Washington.

On Nov. 22, 1967, Mr. BISHOP and his wife came back to the office and stated they had been having quite a bit of success with everyone they had contacted with the exception of the Dallas Police Department, who had told them they would not give them anything. Mr. BISHOP was furnished information concerning the evidence he requested, which was in pages 159, 160 and 161 of the report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated 11/30/63 at Dallas, Texas, captioned "LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka; ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOV. 22, 1963." The only other information which I furnished was: He wanted to know how I learned that President KENNEDY was shot, and I told him that I had an employee monitoring the police radio. He wanted to know then what I did with the information, and I told him I immediately furnished it to Mr. HOOVER. I also told him that upon receipt of information concerning KENNEDY's death being definitely determined, I furnished this information to Mr. HOOVER.

It is noted he stated that this book would be submitted to Assistant Director DE LOACH prior to publication.

On the morning of 11/24/67, BISHOP called and stated that he and his wife were returning to Florida. He was most appreciative of the assistance which he had received from the Dallas Office.

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