

To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg JFK assassination appeals

No law enforcement purpose in investigation
Files to be searched at FBIHQ and not searched for compliance
"The Oswald Matter," which is the Hosty flap in the FBI's understatement

While the attached Serial 7257X4 is one of a series of records relating to the FBI's belated supposed investigation of Oswald going to the FBI DFO and leaving a threatening note; and while it may be useful to your staff in providing the HQ "chain of command" in the assassination investigation; I draw your attention to the explicit statement in the second paragraph, that there was no law enforcement purpose in the investigation:

"...in the absence of a Federal violation, (case) assigned (to) the General Investigative Division."

This is a 1975 statement of the reality earlier stated on a number of occasions and levels in records copies of which I have provided and testimony to which I have referred, including the Director's.

While the FBI likes others to go on the assumption that all it does is for a law enforcement purpose, all it does it not for law enforcement purposes.

For the FOIA exemptions claimed to be applicable there must be a law enforcement purpose.

It thus appears that the exemptions are not available to the FBI in this case.