

FBI withheld records on and about me, etc.

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62-109060-5900 was disclosed by the FBI after my request to respond under PA was ignored by it and the AG. It is a particularly interesting record because it is one of several I used on appeal to show that the FBI had undisclosed records to which it referred or on which it drew that it withheld without claim to exemption, just did not make any reference to.

REL, who may be Lenihan, begins with Hoover's favorites, vitriolic and diabolical, red baits and then says "Weisberg has been in touch with Soviet officials in this country and has entertained these officials at his farm at Hyattstown, Maryland, where Weisberg raises chickens." (Page 1, graf 1)

There never were any Soviet officials at my farm, my home, ever. This is a corruption of what I'll go into but I must note that the only possible source is electronic surveillance, probably wiretapping. Now for what really happened:

At the time of the Nixon-Khrushchev so-called kitchen debate, one of my then customers, Bill Costello, formerly of CBS News, suggested that I challenge the Russians to peaceful competition in poultry husbandry. I'd won just about all the prizes there were in raising and cooking chicken, so he sent me to the USIA, where I was warmly received (except that I got a parking ticket!) by a desk head who suggested that I add a paragraph to what I had drafted in the form of a letter to Khrushchev. This guy, who had a German accent and I think was named Walter or Walters, wanted me to go farthur and invite the Khrushchevs to our farm, and I added that. USIA apparently got good use of it and before long I got a call from a guy at State whose name I recall as Hillis Lowrie. He wanted me to go farthur, to offer to help the Russians raise better chickens, including by going there to do it. He said they could take care of all expenses other than transportation and asked me to ask poultry groups to arrange that. I did that and all else he asked, and then the thing was dropped and I was not told why. But I suspect the FBI might explain. The Northeastern Poultry Producers Council, headquartered at Trenton, run by a Pennsylvania Dutchman named Richard Ammons (recollection not checked on name) agreed to provide transportation. Well, I did hear further about the Khrushchevs. She was going to come on a Saturday when he was with Ike at Camp David. He would not have time. Then I heard that she had been delayed in Virginia, if I recall correctly, while visiting people named Thayer. She didn't come. Nor did anyone else.

Pursuant to State's request I also arranged for the Russian agricultural attache to be taken through the mill that made my feed. This was discussed with him on the phone and in the end he could not come. I never saw him in person. I think the reason he could not come was a limit on the mileage they could travel from their official assignments.

So, although nothing came of any of it after use by FOIA, which loved it, if the FBI wanted to misuse its telephone intercepts, which I presume were on the embassy, not my farm (unless that also was arranged later, as was not impossible), they could distort the earlier conversations into this lie, quite defamatory in context.

Another similar record of which I have a clear recollection of sending to Shea is on in which FBIHQ also alleged that I had a personal relationship with a Soviet national inside the embassy. Never happened, never true. I was there only on business and on a very few occasions only. I'm sure I can recall them and it was not of this nature. In the end it was unfriendly, and the FBI's mail intercepts for the CIA certainly reflect this.

The FBI's representations of what I said also are off. For example, p. 2, largest graf, the Altgens picture referred to was taken during the assassination, not before it, and I think the FBI itself identified the time as that of Zapruder Frame 253. It says first shot at Z 210. What follows is cute, Lovelady's supposed identificatuon of the

shirt he was wearing at the time of the assassination. Dallas was careless and in error or just lied, as I showed in WW II with their pictures and those of the shirt on the man in the doorway. Later Lovelady's wife phoned me and told me that she wanted to sell the shirt he was actually wearing to me for \$5,000, as reported at the end of the index in WW III, all of the rest of which had by the time of her call been printed. It is obvious that the FBI's shirt, very broad stripes, couldn't be in the Altgens picture anywhere. But we later found (in the overexposed Martin footage) a shirt identical with what Mrs. Lovelady described.

They follow this with a double lie, that Oswald did not have high security clearances, and not they refer to no source. But that Oswald held any clearance is not in the FBI's reporting on his personnel records, which I have. He did have the clearances I reported, then only on the basis of what a Marine mate had told me off the air on a call-in talk show (I now have proof from Navy, not FBI or CIA)

The FBI's investigation is described as showing that Oswald was "highly sympathetic to Russia and Marxism." Their investigation actually shows that Oswald denounced the USSR Communist leaders as "fat, stinking politicians" in his writings, which the FBI translated. (U.S. Communists "betrayers of the working class." Some "red," huh?)

This memo concludes by reporting that the FBI had earlier "furnished ~~data~~ data concerning Weisberg's scurrilous background to the White House and Attorney General." (Scurrilous: grossly or obscenely vulgar or abusive. Syn foul, vulgar, opprobrious, woarse, abusive.)

An attached form reflects sending copies of the fabrications, defamations and other falsehoods to both intelligence committees, citing Senstudy file 62-116395-1454, which was not provided to me in response to my request.

Those terrible people sure set out to ruin the reputations of all they did not like or who disagreed with them.

They didn't even try to be up to date. I had liquidated my farming almost four years earlier and was living outside the city of Frederick then this was written.