

To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg JFK assassination appeals 3/25/79

At the time I received the form attached, stamp dated October 26, 1978 I made the attached copy for purposes of appealing the misuse of Exemption 6 and the inordinate FBI delay in making the records I presume were attached available to me.

Since then I have read court decisions which leave without doubt that this exemption was not intended to justify the withholding of an occasional name of one who processes records for FOIA release. Besides, this violates the Attorney General's 5/7/77 standards and the Department policy that such names will not be withheld. Until I was able to pinpoint by those names the identities of the SAs whose offenses against the Act were greater they were not withheld. Last week I provided you with copies of worksheets in which the practice was inconsistent with regard to the withholding of SA's names.

There has been no harassment of these SAs. This is harassment of me.

Once I made a point that this was misuse of (7)(C) the FBI switched to (6) to accomplish the same improper end.

Moreover, there is added withholding not explained in the covering form, the file identification.

While the FBI does not withhold the DJ file numbers it obliterates its own.

There also has been the House assassins committee testimony on Nosenko.

AFOSI, which within my experience does not withhold the names the FBI withheld for it, wrote the FBI on June 23, 1977. This was before the processing of the "Oswald" file. CRD wrote the FOIA/PA branch on April 26, 1978. The FOIA/PA branch did not send these records until exactly a half year after CRD wrote it, with a case in court yet, and not until 16 months after yearing from AFOSI.

The unnecessary but now customary FBI omission of any identification makes a search for me to provide the identification a practical impossibility.

Of course this is contradictory to your testimony in C.A.75-1996, which I understood to state Department policy.