

JFK assassination records appeals

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In your letter of 8/3 you decline further "substantive" comment relating to the unaccounted Dallas bulletins and by no mention the other parts of what I wrote.

However, you do not say or indicate that your office needs no more relevant information and I did make repeated reference to FBI practice.

I therefore attach copies of four "changed to" sheets from the assassination file. As you can again see, when there is any shifting it is the FBI's practice to record this at the point in the Sections from which the record is moved.

In this particular case it also means that JFK assassination records are being withheld by shifting to another file and that also I appeal.

This particular establishing of a new file, beginning with Serial 1, for a JFK assassination record was in 1973. The dates of the original records are 1967.

The time of the shift is long after the FBI received FOIA requests. I therefore believe that the records should be provided and that if the FBI found need for a new and different file it should have followed its own procedure of placing duplicate copies in the new file.

There are countless illustrations of this practice, as copies I've sent you recently establish.

It also is not an unknown practice for the FBI to serialize three duplicate copies, although calling them "Not Recorded" is the more common practice within my experience.