

JFK assassination records: The Real FBI , what is important to it, or
How the Mafia Got Its Start

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Little did I dream when I read the 3/31/67 UPI story reported in 62-109060-4997 that it would result in a major FBI project copies of the summary of which went to six of the higher brass (at least) and caused who knows what other FBI activity.

That students at Yale Law School would hold a mock trial of Lee Harvey Oswald in 1967 does not appear to be subversive and does appear to be consistent with studying law and evidence.

Underlying records are not provided but it does appear that this seemingly innocent academic endeavor led to FBI investigations that extended to the percentage of two of the students and an effort to red-bait the "judge," a well-known attorney. The FBI must have had sound law-enforcement purpose for including this and not the fact that he was president of the trial-lawyers' association. Otherwise why include and omit as it did?

Two of the law students were sons of former SAs.

I knew one, James M. McInerney. He was in charge of the detail of agents sent to assist in the Harlan conspiracy case. (I considered him a fine person.) He had a longer career than this indicated. Prior to heading the Criminal Division, after leaving the FBI, he headed another division, I think Lands. After leaving the Department he entered private practice.

However, this records informs about FBI values and concepts about how to use public money. Not to see if it could place James Earl Ray for the several days prior to the assassination of Dr. King, which it found not worth the effort when William Bradford Huie reported where Ray said he was, and not to get copies of pictures related to the killing of the President.

The real need for law enforcement effort, time and money was in looking into law students and their families.