

Criminal

To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg 6/29/80
JFK assassination records appeals
PA records appeals
Continued Department (and FBI) non-compliance
Criminal Division, File 129-11, through Section 20E

When we can make the copies I will attach my 6/27 letter to Mr. Buckley. As in the past, I intend this as my appeal.

This most recent batch of Criminal Division records, which represents limited compliance after a delay of more than three years, holds copies of records that are pertinent in my PA requests of the FBI and all other Department components as well as reference to others not yet provided. I attach copies of pages I believe you should read and to which I refer in the letter to Mr. Buckley.

No copy of any response is provided and I recall none. I did write the Attorney General. A draft of a response is included. It was not sent to me. No record indicating why it was not sent is included, nor is there any such notation. I call to your attention that this is an OIG record and that OIG did not provide it and much else in response to my requests. I believe I appealed this some time ago. Here you have more proof.

If these records had not been withheld - and they were not provided under discovery - the history of G.A. 75-226 might have been different. These records, including the draft, clearly prepared after the FBI was consulted, confirm the existence of the information I requested and for which I filed suit, but a different explanation is offered for non-compliance and for keeping it secret. This is contrary to the FBI's and Department's representations to the Court.

My appeals pertaining to my 1975, 1976 and 1977 requests were timely. If you had acted on them and had not been deceived in acting on them this might not have happened. Much federal money might have been saved instead of wasted, much time required of Government lawyers would not have been required and would have been available for other duties, and, of course, the litigation would have been avoided. One possible explanation is that

it was decided that the cost is justified as part of the FBI's explicit and stated intent to "stop" me and my writing. Another that suggests itself is "family jewels."

The records I've just received and read reflect the need for records I do not recall receiving in C.A. 78-0322 to exist. They include the numbers of files from which I do not recall receiving any records. They indicate clearly that other files have not been searched and are pertinent. They refer to records not provided. No explanation of not providing these other and referred-to records has been made.

Many refer to Garrison records not provided. There are many other areas of withholding but I think it is obvious that Garrison records are within C.A. 78-0322 and those appeals. If these missing records are not in the New Orleans files searched, how can your action on appeal have any meaning? Have you any way of knowing where outside the few files of its own selection the FBI has anything filed - if not hidden?

Of those in whom I know Garrison had interest and whose names appear to be withheld in these Criminal Division sections I remember, all with regard to information I do not recall seeing in New Orleans records provided to me, Gordon Novel, Clay Shaw, Dean Adams Andrews, Richard Case Nagell, "S. Carl McLab," whose other aliases include Jim Rose, and a man named Buick. All these are public, but all the pertinent FBI records are not disclosed.

This one batch of records shows that other components with records not provided are ISD (now part of Criminal), Civil, CRD, OLS and EOUSA, to which there are 15 new referrals. Doesn't any component ever make an honest search, an honest effort to comply?