

To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg JFK assassination appeals- 3/25/79
Referrals to CIA

Enclosed is a separate appeal that is not only related to referrals but appears to relate to ^{other} ~~the~~ information withheld by referral as reflected on the attached worksheet for Serial 548 in FBIHQ 105-82555, the so-called Oswald file.

(For your information, this alone totally refutes FBI affidavits in C.A.78-0249 in which the FBI claims that the identification of countries in which United States agencies operate must be withheld as a matter of national security. This discloses that the CIA operates in Mexico.)

The subject of Oswald, real or unreal or both, in Mexico, is of great historical interest. It was of great interest to the Commission also. I have no recollection of any record indicating that either the FBI or the CIA gave these tapes of CIA interviews in Mexico to the Commission.

The subject has been treated with remarkable irresponsibility, a ^{subdued} ~~subdued~~ version of Brennan's to Sullivan, enclosed, by the CIA on one extreme to an assortment of so-called "critics" on the other extreme.

A case can be made that ranging from self-starters to those in the CIA an assortment of people sought to use the JFK assassination as a means of starting World War III by provoking an attack on Cuba. The major effort of this nature centers around what was reported from Mexico by both the CIA and the FBI. In turn this comes from the interviews based on which some of their content was reported. These include but are not limited to Alvarado Ugarte and others like him, the unreal, to those who can be believed to have seen the real Oswald or one or more ~~fake~~ false Oswalds.

The parts of these interviews the agencies chose to provide to the Commission and the Commission made public are within the public domain. It is my belief that any use of any of the content of any of the se tapes is a waiver. I also believe that permitting any person to examine the efficiency and honesty of governmental operations is one of the main purposes of FOIA.

Both agencies have made public additional alleged content of these interviews that are not included in the available Commission records I have seen.

Whether or not the information was correct it was given to the Ambassador. It had an enormous impact on him. It also was provided to the White House in a form and manner that influenced the subsequent history of the entire matter if in fact it did not exert the controlling influence. By-passing the Ambassador, some of the information was given to the State Department.

On all counts these are records of more than average historical importance and interest. My preference is for the cassettes, to which I can listen at my desk, where I can type notes from them.