

JFK appeal
To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg, JFK and King assassination records appeals 7/8/50
Records not provided

In his Book Will, G. Gordon Liddy, former FBI supervisor SA, on page 258, refers to the existence of records that underly FO302s and airtels. He states that the FBI avoids making them available to others, using the example of the Coplon case.

I enclose this and the next page.

Among the cases of this that come to mind from my many prior appeals is that of the FBI's display of a picture of James Earl Ray to Charles Quincean Stephens, the prosecution's only alleged eyewitness.

Stephens actually made a negative identification.

No FBI report or record of that interview of any kind has been provided. Instead there is passing reference to his failing to make identification, in a record that is not an interview record. Failing to make identification and making negative identification are not the same thing.

As in the Coplon case Liddy cites, there is motive for this withholding: after Stephens made negative identification an affidavit was obtained from him and filed in the British court to get Ray extradited. That affidavit implies the opposite of what Stephens said when shown the picture. It was used to get that court to believe and it did get that court to believe that Stephens made positive identification of Ray.

I still want these kinds of withheld records and the historical record requires them.

Liddy also refers to leads. This serves to remind me that the long-promised leads have not been provided. When may I expect them?