

all records not in Murkin

and JFK

King assassination records agency
Committee to Investigate Assassinations (CIA)
Surveillance files
Exemptions claimed

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Bud Furrer will -

Withholding what the FBI itself disclosed
abstracts classification

An item of the requests is for all information pertaining to the CIA, whose founder and director is Richard (Dick) Pennington. Pennington is included in the surveillance files, as are all of those who participated in the James Earl Ray defense, as of the time of the requests. I provided his privacy waiver, although there is no doubt that in its general JFK release the FBI found him to be a public figure.

I have filed a number of appeals that have not been acted on. What I present here was drawn to my attention in reviewing the abstracts. Clearly there was surveillance on Pennington and his group and so I was clearly what the FBI withholds it also has disclosed. It also withholds information it has not disclosed and within my requests.

The FBI has made all criticism of the official accounts of the political assassinations into public figures by the character and extent of what the FBI disclosed about them.

In partial compliance with the CIA request the FBI provided some records from its 62-11307 files, an OIA. It also provided the same records otherwise. Copies of both versions are attached.

In the version provided in this case, on the first page there are five sentences, four attributed to TC and no date date for the fifth. At the bottom the name added to the strip reading "Deleted 'my name' is deleted. On the other copy it is not and it is not treated as a public figure by the FBI. Professor Michael Goyin.

Above this and to the left the initials of the one who wrote the letter are withheld under the same claim. In the other copy the FBI did not withhold "all." From the withheld signature, also provided in the other copy, this is Donny Rice, a Washington lawyer who apparently believes it was the proper business to have a copy of the articles of incorporation and other CIA information. Rice says his source was the Dallas police, which also appears to have engaged in domestic intelligence operations.

In the C.A. 75-1986 copy the letterhead, including Donny's name and address and the

Whether some of the lettershead, "John Harper, was omitted, but not the phone number. On the other copy some of this is withheld.

The FBI's concern for privacy rights did not extend to things it does not like, those listed, as it happens without their consent or approval, as board members - of which I am one as listed even though I opposed organization of CIA and would not join it. The value of this kind of information is dubious. No proper law-enforcement purpose exists.

There likewise is no concern for privacy in the FBI's disclosing the laudable opinion that an organization was sympathetic to the economic cause in both 62-105060-6681 and the version of the report in 62-112097. What is withheld in the first copy is not withheld in the second. Withheld on the first page is, "Reference is made to your letter dated January 14, 1968, captioned 'WILLIAMS and the Kennedy Assassination Bernard FENSTERMAK et al,' your reference 62-112-10112-19." Withheld on the third page is, "Classified 'Secret' inasmuch as the issuing agency from CIA in this matter has been classified 'Secret' by the CIA" - notwithstanding the fact that there is no classifiable content. The obvious purpose of the CIA classification, as it pertains to the content of this report, is to hide any illicit scientific activity.

62-112097-7 has reference of identification. It is a lead from the Alexandria office. Fenstermaker's home, not his office, is in the Alexandria territory. All but the recommendation against distribution is obliterated in the abstract under TD claim. This is consistent with the content of the LHM, which appears to have been obtained from some form of surveillance, possibly electronic. The withheld information is thus with the request. There is said to be an enclosure. It is not attached.

WFO opened a "62-New" file on the report of one of its "extremist informants" about the publicly announced CIA meeting at Georgetown University, held in 11/73. I recall no other records from either file.

The abstract for Serial 13 states that the underlying record includes a report containing partial coverage of the first session of that meeting and copies of material made available there, all withheld, replaced by a printed form showing that origin was the CIA. The form states the information was deleted. It does not state that it was referred to the CIA.

The Secret Service also had coverage and the FBI disclosed that, without referral. The withholding here appears to be improper and to have the intent of protecting illicit CIA CIA domestic intelligence activities. The coverage is a form of surveillance and thus within the request.

also Serial 23 is an FBI letter to James Angleton of the CIA, referring to the first part of the serial, what Angleton sent to the FBI. It discloses that the FBI had "our sources concerning this conference." I do not recall any such information provided by the FBI and that also is a form of surveillance and within both requests. The record was classified Secret only because the CIA's covering was so classified, apart to this illicit domestic intelligence activity. This record indicates distribution to field offices, which did not provide their information.

Serial 19 pertains to Pensterwald's request for photographs shown in London City to one Pedro/Valencia. It asks whether these ~~photographs~~ photographs are identical with those shown to Dallas on 11/22/63 by SA Paul, subject of a prior series of up calls to which you still have not responded. Because the FBI now takes the position that it cannot provide the information of other agencies, classified and unclassified, I note that in that litigation it did provide Pensterwald with copies of those photographs, which were classified by the CIA. The abstract has two file numbers which, from which I recall no records being available. These are 105-44 and 77-144.

100-40772-11 reports what appears to be mail coverage on a Detroit subject and that this subject had received mail, including from the CIA.

Serial 26 in the Pensterwald file is from Los Angeles. It has two subjects, one of Pensterwald's FBI calls, S.A. 77-1423, and KIMBALL, which I believe represents a congressional investigation. The abstract refers to an FBI? I do not recall receiving.

91-24532-10 (91-0724 at WFO) pertains to the robbery of the Farmer's Bank of Liberty, Ill. WFO identifies the phone number 362-2027 as that of the CIA. The file number reflects the FBI's King assassination conspiracy theory, that the Ray brothers robbed banks to keep James going. The interest in Pensterwald's phone number, as in mine, an appeal on which you have not acted, comes, I believe, from Jerry Ray phoning to ask him to represent

James, a matter about which he had earlier phoned me. Despite the surveillance items of the request and the FBI's representation that all pertinent information is captioned BARKIN, no record has been provided in which either phone or phone bill surveillance is reported.

The abstract for Serial 17 also has file numbers written on it, including 105-4477

The records to which I refer, all attach, with other pertinent records not provided.

They also amplify my prior appeals pertaining to non-compliance with specific items of my requests, particularly surveillance. No search to comply with these items has been made or attempted to.

3-29-77
SECRET
100-100000-100000

Section 10 has three paragraphs withheld under claim to 10. Whether these pertain to Pennington's report for the United City Police or his letter to his 1 question the "national security" claim and the informant claim that in these paragraphs nothing is reasonably segregable.

The duplicate filings are in the 100-100000-100000 and FOIA requests files.

Although there is *SECRET* content, there is no duplicate filing in that file.

This is still another illustration that all *SECRET* information is not filed under that caption or by its number.