

Atlanta - files not searched - If of violation

King assassination records appeals

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Records not searched

All King assassination information is not filed under MURKIN

Informant file numbers are disclosed and do not identify informant

Attached are several records from the Atlanta 157-3094 file. Atlanta is one of a number of field offices that have files captioned "assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." other than files designated as "MURKIN." However, copies of pertinent records in these other King assassination files were provided to me from Atlanta files only.

Serial 203 also indicates filing in still another King file, 100-5936.

This serial states that "In order to expeditious ^W channel all information received concerning" that assassination, everything is to be directed to this 100-3094 file. If this is the practice in other field offices, withholding of the pertinent records does not permit an unequivocal allegation of it.

Each of the attached informant report forms and reports is from this file and the informant file, 170-3094. These all happen to be close together. They are not the only such/illustrations nor is Atlanta the only office from whose records this kind of information is not withheld. Disclosing the file number does not identify the informant, does not and has done no harm and does serve public purposes.

In addition, the recently disclosed ONE FBI inventories disclose that surveillance matters, including electronic and informant, are filed in 56 or administrative matters files the numbers of which are included. You may not recall that this is included in my prior appeals. They thus do not show in such files as MURKIN. The same inventories also disclose the assigning of disclosed informant symbols to files of electronic surveillance. These are not informants. I have also apprised this earlier.

In accord with Mr. Cole's expressed preference for handling such matters through correspondence rather than the previously agreed ^Motions for Partial Summary Judgment, I have informed Mr. Loefer of the foregoing for him to address to Mr. Cole, along with a number of similar matters.

Pertaining to the Savannah matter above I attach 100-106670- 4035.

I attach several other matters separately for your convenience.