

King appeal - various addresses

King assassination records appeals

Harold Weisberg 12/8/79

The Rays and bank robberies

The OPR investigation and report

The House assassins investigation and report

PA request

In prior appeals I have claimed that all information relating to the FBI's efforts to pin bank robberies on the Rays (and as a means of explaining James's financing for the year after his MoPan escape and prior to the assassination) and its leaking of this concoction to the media (to explain the FBI's own investigative failures) plus its planting the same notion with the House committee provide relevance for all records allegedly connecting the Rays with any bank robbery the FBI otherwise may have failed to solve. In addition there is relevance to my as yet unmet PA request coming from the inclusion of such records, also including me, in what remains of the gutted Long tickler.

The 5/11/79 enclosure with your letter of 12/4/79, which is added compliance with my John Ray request for which I thank you, adds relevance. This record is the Department's determination that with regard to these robberies John Ray did not commit perjury in denying them before the House committee.

The very limited and incomplete disclosure in the records provided in C.A. 75-1996 leaves no real doubt of the relevance of information relating to these robberies. At least one is in the court record, one in which the names of those actually charged with the Alton robbery were excised. It is my recollection that the judge said the ~~names~~ should not be withheld but the FBI had never restored them.

The (mis) use by the House committee of course adds relevance and removes the possibility of privacy claims. (The names were not secret in any event although the FBI pretended otherwise.) In at least one case the FBI appears to have suborned perjury. It has not denied any of my sworn allegations in this regard. Protecting the Bureau may be its first law but it is not an exemption written into FOIA. Using the House committee for the same purpose also is improper. And in this regard call to your attention that the bank robbery records are not among those set aside in the special room for the committee's use. I have the list of those files. I suggest that this

means that the FBI accomplished that by indirection. (a b7e method for which it has not yet asserted a claim that I recall.)

If the rough and unedited draft of the memo I prepared for the HSCA in rebuttal of its alleged evidence, a copy of which I provided to the Department prior to its publication by HSCA, contributed to this wise decision I am gratified. There has been such too much miscarriage of justice and contriving of solutions to unsolved crimes without more political fuel being added to such fires.