

JFK appeals Hugh McDonald, Appointment in Dallas, etc
Referrals-CIA; Dallas files on books, authors

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This adds to my prior appeals relating to Exemption Ignored Referral, the long ignoring of my information requests and to the con man/faker who is commercializing his prior association with both the FBI and CIA to promote what in the spook business is known as "black books" and therefore, while superficially critical of them, serves clandestine interests of the spookeries in confusing, misinforming and destroying the credibility of legitimate, proper and I believe necessary criticisms.

These become a form of domestic intelligence operation in which the American people are the target and are misinformed.

I provided you with copies of 62-109060-7440K and Not Recorded Dallas to Director 1/6/76.

Further checking has made it possible to determine that the LHM referred to in the Not Recorded Serial is probably the two Serials 7504. With the NR for your convenience I herewith provide the worksheet and the referral slip.

I also remind you of part of the explanation¹ provided: McDonald's claim to CIA and FBI connection and in his original version of the first book President Johnson as the man behind the JFK assassination. ²This is modified in the second.

The referral slip does not refer to two records and gives the total number of pages as 34. This is the total of both records designated 7504. ("Previously processed" in DL files.)

Both were referred to DCRU. Did anyone let DCRU know that the book was a fake? Without that it was handicapped in making any appraisal of any comment on it. ³If not deceived.

I question (and appeal) the need or even the propriety of referring to the perpetual CIA stonewall where it is known and certain that the man's book is a fraud, as Dallas certainly perceived and should have told HQ and where the man himself represents his alleged former associations. (There were also as I recall three novels, heavily promoted, in which he is the CIA's superspook Blue Fox.)

The FBI had no reluctance in disclosing its opinion of my writing, by comparison. Or other records, without referrals.

Also by comparison the Government did not seek prior restraint, as with Victor Marchetti, of me afterward, as with Frank Snepp (both conservatives, I note).

The worksheet does not, as in other cases, note "CIA information" and there is no reason to believe that absent earlier and improper domestic intelligence operations against CIA critics of the official solution to the assassination Dallas had any prior information on which to draw. (The records reflect no contemporaneous furnishing of CIA information to DL.)

Herman Kinsey's prior CIA association, his demise and McDonald's loud claims are all, public domain. There is no secrecy involved, nothing to protect.

If the Dallas records include the heavy and heavy-handed Texas promotions for an unnamed book and fantastic public claims by "Security Associates," that is the name of the organization Len Davidor (mentioned earlier) had and with which Kinsey and McDonald were associated, particularly as Barry Goldwater's security in his presidential campaign. All this also is public domain. So is McDonald's association with a CIA asset, or more than one.

My recollection is not clear with regard to the FBI but I am clear that I filed a McDonald information request with the CIA in 1975, it accepted the request, let me know I would hear more, and in all the ensuing years has been silent. Under these conditions I believe any referral is improper, even if necessary. More so if I also asked the FBI. I believe but again am not certain that I also raised with the Department the question of criminal violations involved, as using the mails to defraud.

With the representation that Appointment is non-fiction fraud is open-and-shut even it is involves proving negatives.

In addition to appealing the withholding I appeal the misuse of FOIA by federal agencies as part of a domestic propaganda campaign.