

"Briefs" JFK

JFK and King assassination records appeals Harold Weisberg 1/14/80
Records not searched and not provided-
Director's files
"Briefs," for Director and Congress, etc.

Throughout both case files there are indications of records that have not been provided and have not been searched for. References that I recently found in JFK files indicate that there should be similar references in King files. There were not. These references are to what are called "briefs." One was prepared for and constantly updated for the Director. Indications are that it was of about 200 pages and was indexed. Separate from this was a brief suggested by Clyde Tolson, in anticipation of need with the Congress. It was prepared. Neither has been provided.

In fact, although the 105-82555 file is the one in which these references are "recorded," in no case has there been any of the so-called attachments. The totality is such that - doubt Lloyds of London would write a policy on/accidental nature of it.

There are too many such references for me to provide copies of all of them so I provide illustrations only with the attached.

Serial 2866 describes the one brief for use outside the FBI, and describes it as an important historical record. There was the identical need in the King case, as there also was for informing the Director by similar means.

Serial 2866 records that the copy missing from this record was removed and placed in a room the number of which is not entirely legible on the xerox provided to me. This can be used in a belated search. The Serial also states that other copies were provided seven named officials of the FBI. In turn this tells you which records of which Divisions can be searched for copies.

Serial 2858 indicates the earlier history of the brief for the Director, states that it was completed and is being updated by means of what was underrecorded in hand but not provided to me, "the attached sheet." Updating extends to a.b. and c of Page 179. The index was completely revised, it states. The examples provided are historically important. Tolson's note also reflects the importance he attributed to this brief.

This content is identical in nature to the kinds of information the Director required at his fingertips in the "ing case.

Serial 2839 reflects regular revisions were made in its reference to "the next revision of this ~~XXXX~~ Brief." This also indicates that the Director was briefed on what was none of his business or that of anyone in the FBI, that the widow had sexual relations with her business manager. This also has no relationship to the assassination. It is historically important that such information ^{was} ~~is~~ included in a brief for the Director when all information could not be included. (That such information interested him excessively is stated in the Sullivan book.)

There ought be little trouble locating a copy of the many unprovided copies of this brief and there should be little more difficulty learning whether or not such a brief or similar document was prepared in the King case, in which none has been provided.