

JL - attached Ronnie Cairns/ Oswald leaflet fingerprint/PA records appeals HW 6/14/79

When I made copies of the records referred to there were copies for you and Hoch as well as for Shea and to attach to my copy of the appeal(s). Now there are but two, which I take it means that I sent you and Paul copies. If not please let me know and I'll provide them. I'll be able to retrieve them from the Cairns Appeal file and the date of the appeal.

I have some kind of recollection of having given them to you in connection with the F.I.'s line that my alleged character gives them a legal basis for refusing my request.

What these records reflect is FBI policy of non-compliance and one of the means by which they effectuate non-compliance, by building it in. One means is to rewrite my requests, as in 1996, where what these records hold might be relevant.

Another is to write the field offices, as Chuck Matthews did under the Stipulation, giving them clear indication of the limitation to be applied to the search and response.

I believe the refusal to identify two samples of fingerprints not Oswald's yet on police copies of literature he alone supposedly handed out from the FBI's reports together with the FBI's withholding from the Warren Commission of three films showing an unidentified person acting with Oswald (besides Steele at the ITM) make an entertaining story that might interest and be informative to a judge or judge's clerk because I believe it is quite comprehensible and addresses motive in withholding.

We won't know until after Ray goes over all the PA requests and responses to establish as full as possible a file what all the file numbers used are. I found three besides the regular ones in these records and earlier had noted two others. I know there are more. If I made separate notations of them I've lost them. But I'm now making a card file. While I forget as I read records I am building some up.

*(Serials do not duplicate those in  
earlier Cairns appeal)*