

11/8/70

Paul, Mary, Gary, Howard, Dick,

Kleindienst on 11/4 rejected my request for the Cairo interviews and the identification of the fingerprint on the Oswald "Wasp" handbill, giving as his reason both are "part of investigatory files compiled for law enforcement purposes."

I have by letter today appeal to Mitchell under 5 U.S.C. 552.

In both cases, the definition is inapplicable, even if the DEI earlier had and identified this fingerprint, before doing that work for the WC.

The Archives denied having any FBI reports on Cairo. Justice does not deny this or my quotation of Cairo saying he had been questioned for about 100 hours (0 in NO). The acknowledgement that such reports exist by the language of Kleindienst's reply (which I'll copy if I can on the Thermofax). They also acknowledge, inherently, that they have identified this print. I ask FBI to take particular note of this. It would have been simple to say he cannot comply with the request because no such information exists, and I'd hardly be in a position to question him. However, the inherent acknowledgement of identification can lead to conjectures about whose it was and this as the real reason for withholding it. I can conjecture a couple of conjectures of my own.

What I must now decide is whether to include this in the Ferris complaint. I believe, with what is already in it, that is where it belongs. I will be seeing Jim, perhaps Bud, tomorrow, and will discuss this with him(them).

Frankly, I cannot, reasonably, conjecture what might be in the Cairo reports that they might want suppressed (aside from having denied them to the WC). From what he has said, assuming he has spoken truthfully, unless they went into other things, like Arcacha (which they should have, given LHO's use of the 544 add.) I see nothing that need be hidden.

Conjectures solicited.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg