

JFK assassination records appeals

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This is a further cataloguing of classification and FOIA and #2040 horrors. I will add captions as I go.

As you read this please recall how much time has passed since I asked for a review of all claims to classification under the provisions of the new E.O. and that there has been no action.

Chalmers Roberts and the Washington Post (apparently also 94-5(?) -6-438).

The captioning on page 3 should also include the withholding of the reasonably segregable.

Two different copies of the Jones to DeLoach memo of 10/6/64, captioned "CHALMERS M. ROBERTS - 'THE WASHINGTON POST'," are attached

The first, Not Recorded in 62-109090, was classified by 2040 on 6/27/77, when he found that indefinite exemption from the GDS was required under Categories 2 and 3.

That the record was not classified earlier is established by the attached copy also from the same 62-109090 file, which 2040 did not get his ducks and and was not classified by anyone else.

As I have informed you on a number of occasions, there had been not fewer than three prior reviews of these records, so leak of classification was not an oversight.

What 2040 regarded as requiring withholding so the nation could be saved is that "Roberts had frequent contact with representatives of the Russian and satellite Embassies..." Do you suppose that this was unknown to the "Russian and satellite Embassies?" Or that this is in any way unusual for a reporter - other than required of a diplomatic reporter?

Why Chalmers explained this to the FBI is not included in what 2040 withheld but that Chalmers did explain it is included. A matter of "national security"?

~~XXXXXXXX~~ DeLoach ~~XXXXXXXX~~ appended a note reading "He is a typical Washington Post 'fake liberal'". ~~XXXXXXXX~~ While I do not suggest that this is because Chalmers "gave written reports of" his meetings with the Russians and others "to the USSR Affairs Desk, State Department" this also is not a matter of "national security."