

JFK appeals - classification

Attached 105-82555-5145 again appears to have been classified by #2040 for the first time subsequent to the request and on a day of extensive classification stamping, 7/7/77.

With such wholesale obliteration the immediate question and part of this specific appeal is whether there was anything reasonably segregable. What is not excised, referring to what is well and extensively within the public domain, indicates that there must be reasonably segregable information that is withheld. (The name not given for the woman in Mexico is Sylvia Duran. There is reason to suspect that her employment was not exclusively by the Cuban Government. This in addition to the Warren Commission materials has been the subject of extensive testimony before the House assassins committee.)

Because so much of this matter is public domain and because it is apparent that #2040 classifies almost anything, regardless of whether or not it is within the public domain, I not only ask again that all classified materials be reviewed under the provisions of the new E.O., I ask that the nature of #2040's classifications be the subject of special review. (I would hope it would be a matter of concern to the Department if the public domain is classified and withheld.)

The designation of a copy to 62-109068 may be a typographical error. If so it is not corrected. So I ask that it be determined if there is a separate file by this number that holds relevant information.

Serial 7543 attached withholds names the withholding of which I appeal. In addition, the news story attached reflects the success and extensiveness of the withholding of the public domain, a success that extended to the Church committee. The names withheld in its report and reflected as withheld in the story are all public domain and were prior to the misleading of the committee and its subcommittee.