

Dallas bulks - appeals

To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg, JFK assassination records appeals 7/14/79
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Recently you wrote me relating to apparently missing parts of the B Sections of Dallas 100-10461. You said that files do get shifted, are sometimes destroyed and the FBI is not required to do research for me. My responses included denial of the need for compliance to constitute research and that the FBI to the best of my knowledge is diligent and careful in its record keeping while having its records arranged so that when it desires not to retrieve it doesn't. Supposedly it is forbidden to destroy any records relating to the JFK assassination investigation.

Earlier appeals include filing of JFK material elsewhere, including personnel files, as with Retired SA James P. Hosty, Jr. (Any review of the Hosty records I read discloses this bizarre filing and supposedly all are read before disclosure.)

Our previous exchange related to the inventory of the Section B materials, a copy of which Dallas sent to New Orleans.

The attached sheet is from 100-10461-1B15 part 1. The first entry, under Item #, reads "No Number." The description is of a registration card at a Dallas hotel for one Wm. W. Turner. This is William Weygand(t?) Turner, an SA fired by Hoover, whose opinion of Turner is not all that different from the one I would offer is asked, which is not material to the appeal. (Turner has claimed to have done black bag jobs.)
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Please note not ~~at~~ the reference to the place in which this records is filed but that it also is attached to a report in that file that is relevant in the JFK investigation, dated 2/64, meaning 1964.

I believe that the real reason for the shifting to an utterly irrelevant file is the potential for embarrassment to the FBI from its surveillance of or other interest in a writer who was in Dallas collecting information for an article the FBI had reason to believe it would not like.

I intend this to be illustrative and I'll provide some explanations and opinion.
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Turner was ~~that~~ years earlier. His writing relating to the JFK assassination is not a personnel matter, the subject of the 67 file.

If by any chance according to FBI thinking what he has for breakfast is a personnel matter and investigation of his breakfast was part of the JFK assassination investigation, then the records relating to the investigation belong in the file relating to the investigation - even if the FBI has a file on Turner's breakfasts, past or present.

When the FBI pulls filing stunts like this it is not asking the FBI to do research to undo its tricks with filing. All records relating to the FBI's investigation of Turner in Dallas belong in the JFK investigation file. (This one happens to be their Oswald file, which also is a bit weird.)

Unless it bears special notations I have no interest in a copy of the registration. I do have an interest in any and all records misfiled in the 67 series that belong in the JFK assassination files. I am very interested in what the FBI found it right and proper if not also necessary to do about those who dared be critical of its work, including me. (This also suggests means of its not retrieving records relating to me.)

So you can appreciate the importance the FBI itself attached to this I remind you of prior appeals which include records reflecting the fact that the FBI did not consider it worthwhile to interview a single one of the Dallas motorcycle police escort, trained and close observers. If it did not take time for this and did take time for Turner obviously it regarded the Turner investigation as relevant and important.

So why remove any records from the investigation file and place them in his by then very non "personnel" file? Or why not place copies in the 67, which was less work?

When the FOIA processors saw the shift to 67-455829 should they not have searched that file in processing records in an historical case? I think so.

I remind you that I request by subject.