

To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg, JFK assassination records appeals 6/15/79
Surveillances of Marina Oswald

Attached is 62-109060-7511, which alleges that the FBI tapped the phone of Ruth Paine, with whom Marina Oswald had lived until the assassination, and reports an FBI denial of it.

Whether or not the FBI had the Paine phone tapped it has, over the years, let out records disclosing various forms of surveillance on Marina and those with whom she was associated. Where a reason has been disclosed FBI records tend to indicate that it did only what the Commission asked of it.

As a matter of historical record I believe that all records relating to any form of surveillance on Marina and those with whom she was associated, regardless of by whom done, where or for whatever purpose, should be fully disclosed.

This should include any permission asked of the AG and any response.

It should also include all records relating to other agencies, especially the Secret Service, which was embarrassed by the FBI when the FBI produced proof that Marina slept at the Willard Hotel with her then business agent while in Secret Service "protective custody."

This can be done without disclosing the identification of genuinely confidential informants.

With what has been disclosed there is no genuine privacy concern. Aside from the Martin matter and her explanation of it the FBI has already disclosed details of her nocturnal sexual fantasies of her early widowhood.

This request is not intended to elicit other such details of a personal nature. Rather is it intended to perfect the historical record with regard to the investigation of the crime. The crime was of such a magnitude and nature that I doubt there will be any criticism over intrusions into her privacy, especially because the possibilities of a conspiracy had to be considered.

