

To Gain Idea From Harold Weisberg, JFK assassination records deliberate
FBI discrimination against me; consequences of failure to act
on appeal; C.A. 75-1996

6/20/79

Recently I have renewed my appeal relating to a Doyle film of Oswald being
arrested in New Orleans. My first request for this and related films and records
was on 1/1/68. When the FBI would not comply with its own regulations and make an
appointment for me to examine these and the other JFK assassination film I requested
copies of all of them. When it did not respond to that request I filed an appeal. On
a number of occasions, as I have obtained relevant evidence, I have provided you with
copies. As of today all of these materials remain withheld from me save a single
picture, which had been released to the House assassins committee a decade after my
first request.

As I informed you recently another and later requester is among the many who
are being given copies of the photographs the FBI continues to deny me. Of the
several proofs of this I have just received I enclose a copy of Mr. Bresson's 4/25/79
letter to him and in connection with the Doyle film. Other correspondence from the FBI
to him makes it appear that his initial request was of ^{only} this past November.

Please also note the additional and again deliberate discrimination and the FBI's
failure to provide me with copies of all JFK assassination records as released in that
on April 26 or a month ago the FBI sent this person other pictures it continues to
withhold from me.

Quite aside from the requirement of the Act, the given word and common decency there
is the accepted standards of scholarship relating to official records. These are violated.

I cite C.A. 75-1996 because in September 1976 I testified to an FBI policy of deli-
berate discrimination against me and my requests, providing a list of about 25 requests
all long overdue on compliance and all ignored. The Doyle film and related records is
one of these. The judge told the ANSA that she would like to know of the FBI's compliance
with these requests. She has not been informed because there has still not been compliance.

I renewed my request for the Doyle film and other related records, all requested such earlier, in 1970. Recently I came across relevant records in the general JFK assassination released. I believe I provided you with copies of them for a number of purposes, including the details of how the FBI handled my requests in order to get away with not complying with them once the Department is involved. In the recent renewal of these requests I did address the Department and that time it did not ignore my renewed appeal entirely.

In this connection I provided you with FBI proofs of FBI knowledge of another person associated with Oswald in his bizarre New Orleans activities, including the time of his arrest there. Such films, such evidence, according to the FBI's own records of its own evaluation of evidence in a major crime, the assassination of a President, is valueless.

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 The FBI's disclosed copies, supposedly complete, do not reflect the copying of the Doyle film by it. I know this has been done from the senior Doyle, who told me that his son's original film had been kept by the FBI, which returned to him an edited copy. (I was told the same thing by a Minneapolis college student named John Martin, who filmed the same events and the arrest and loaned his film to the FBI. (The FBI found his film to be valueless, too because, from the FBI's own description, it showed an Oswald associate and more Cubans than those identified by the FBI as fighting with Oswald.)

The Warren Commission was not informed by the FBI that it had those movies.

This also relates to the FBI's knowledge that it was deceiving the judge in C.A. 75-1996 in representing that the MURKIN filing is full and complete. Neither it nor the three major JFK assassination files is complete because delicate information is filed elsewhere, as I have indicated to you in both cases. There is no reference in any of the JFK files of the FBI's possessing copies of the Doyle and Martin films.

Once again I appeal all of this. I also ask when I can expect ^{copies of} the records withheld from me and for
 And this deliberate and hurtful declassification to end.