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FBI's pre-assassination Oswald file

Your 5/2/78 says this was processed. I: does not say you were told that it was included in what I've received.

At the time of FBI HQ testimony before the Warren Commission this was a separate file. By then at least a large proportion of the later records had been generated.

Alan H. Belmont testified that some of the file was security classified. (SH!! ff.)

He offered to leave that file with the Commission but Warren did not want that because of the alleged security content. (Not that its records do not hold many files marked TOP SECRET.)

As of that time the so-called Oswald Headquarters file was a separate file if this testimony can be believed.

Belmont treated it that way. I believe this means more than if the Commission had. But the Commission also did.

The FBI's list of Oswald records, Commission Exhibit 834, provides no basis for any apprehension over the file itself. Little was classified and only one record was as high in classification as SECRET. It is all public, the "secret" stuff.

Unless the FBI was playing games with the Commission or the descriptions do not match the contents of the individual items there would seem to have been records other than these.

Moreover, the list as published bears the same date as the Belmont testimony. Correction - two days earlier than his testimony but following discussion with the Commission's staff.

If there was nothing else in that file why did the FBI not comply with my request and that of at least one other? Why did it not refer me to those parts of the file that were published or were in the Archives?

None of this appears to make sense except in terms of additional records not provided.