

To Quin Shea 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 4/26/79 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 ^{only} of 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 deliberate 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 AUSA that she would like to know of the FBI's compliance with those 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 much 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 rewrites my requests in order to get away with not complying with them once the Department is involved. In the ~~renewal~~ 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.

~~_____~~ The FBI's disclosed copies, supposedly complete, do not reflect the copying of the Doyle film by it. I knew this had 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 these 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 discrimination to end.

H. Edley