

Files not search - 94, 64, etc

Kennedy and King assassination records appeals
Cooperation of foreign police withholdings
Withholdings in C.A. 78-0249

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In affidavits and on various worksheets, including false affidavits by means of which it prevailed at district court level in C.A. 78-0249, the FBI claims that it must withhold the fact of cooperation by foreign police. It has done this in both cases and it has refused to provide correctly processed record when I proved that in all instances the cooperations of these foreign police was within the public domain. I believe the FBI has also made similar representations to the Congress, claiming in addition that FOIA itself jeopardized the cooperation of foreign police, which is fictitious.

As I have proven by other means the FBI has made voluntary disclosure of the fact of foreign police cooperation. The fact of this cooperation must be distinguished from information which sometimes can be properly withheld, if it falls within the exemptions, which are adequate for the protection of what requires protection.

Recently I have come across a series of records, voluntarily disclosed by the FBI, all captioned "Relations with," followed by identification of the police unit. I have copied and provide herewith only the first of these that I have just seen, one referring to the French Surete Nationale. This one begins with the listing of six Surete Nationale names, which is quite opposite the FBI's repeated claims to have to withhold all such names, as it did in C.A. 75-1996 in particular. My appeals relating to this go back to 1975 and have not been acted upon. (In C.A. 75-1996 it also withheld the information, which extended to press conference information of Canadian police, another appeal not acted on.) I believe all the 1996 information withheld was within the public domain.)

This record also hold the identification of files I have asked to be searched and where the searches were refused, another appeal not acted on, again particularly in the King case. One Department counsel refused to have searched after I provided records that established relevance to the request is 94. The FBI's list describes this as

"Research Matters." It is a catch-all, with the description intended to mislead. It holds what~~ix~~ ranges from correspondence to the records of Cartha DeLoach's flackery and media manipulation to records relating to the media and individual reporters.

The other number is 64. According to the FBI's list this is for "Foreign Miscellaneous," of "Security-related Classification."

It should be obvious that "messages of condolences" are not genuinely "security-related."

If my appeals in the King case had been acted upon within more than a year - and they have not yet been acted upon - the situation and great cost in C.A. 75-0249 might have been avoided and the time of all parties, including the Court, could have been saved. There was and is no question of the unreasonableness and impropriety of these withholdings all of which are of what was within the public domain. However, the FBI and the Department, both wanting to reprite the Act in Court and both misrepresenting to the courts to accomplish this, persist even when their representations are proven to be false.

Your contribution to this was a rubber-stamp affidavit in C.A. 75-0249 in which you ignored the underlying records, which were improperly processed, and content yourself with stating no more than that the worksheets made the (b)(1) claim that is clearly spurious if not also fraudulent.

None of this would have been probable if my appeals in C.A. 75-1996 had been acted upon properly and in timely manner.

Having procured a decision by false swearing relating to the non-existing hazard to the FBI's relations with E foreign police the Department has extended this representation to the Congress in the continuing campaign against the Act.

Yet it is precisely what was sworn must be withheld in the worksheets in C.A. 75-0249 that is disclosed in the attached and countless other records disclosed in that matter, "relations with" identified foreign police organizations.

Referring to this as inconsistent and arbitrary and capricious falls short.