

Ford - Informant

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JFK assassination records appeals

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withholding the public domain - what the FBI itself disclosed and what is disclosed in Warren Commission files

The DeLoach operation - files not searched (94)

Unjustified referrals

Gerald Ford as FBI informant inside Commission

It is apparent that the Warren Commission rather than the assassination of the President was the prime FBI intelligence target. One of its instrumentalities was Member Ford, who was made his informant by DeLoach. The FBI thus had access to at least Ford's versions of what the Commission wanted to be secret. In return what Ford received ranged from petty graft (an agent's locking brief case) to support in his own political objectives within the Commission.

When I saw the attached MR from 105-62355, Section 38, it looked familiar, save for the referral slip that replaces the first page. Search discloses that it is identical with 62-109090-36, which is one of a series of records relating to the FBI's spying on the Commission. Only in the 62-109090 file the first page is not withheld.

There is no justification for the referral of the first page to the CIA - which in more than two years adheres to its reciprocal non-compliance deal with the FBI and has not acted on this. There likewise is no justification relating to the workshirts, as any minimal checking would have shown.

What is withheld is that Ford in his role as stool-pigeon ~~acted as a confidential source for the FBI~~ told DeLoach what the Commissioners did not share with their staff and that DeLoach, the chief leaker, assured Ford that the FBI had done no leaking.

Also withheld is the public domain story of the fabrication that Oswald had been given \$5,500 to kill JFK when he visited the Cuban consulate in Mexico City - at a time, in this fabrication, when Oswald was well-known to have been in New Orleans. Despite your contrary assurances this is all available in the Commission's records at the Archives.

(In the 62-10900 copy the FBI withheld the name of this fabricator who hoped to cause an invasion of Cuba and World War III although earlier it had disclosed his name in the records it released at the Archives, as my prior appeals show.)

Also withheld by the withholding of the first page is the phoney CIA material is the identification of at least five different 94 files that have not been searched.

At least one of these should relate to the "black" hooding of Ford as his informant and obviously is important and relevant.

All that relates to the FBI's political operations and maneuvering, particularly because this was no horrendous crime, likewise are of considerable importance and relevance.

The other files are/indicated but are not legible. All should be searched. (One may be the "Oswald" HQ file.)

It is apparent that the referral is a fraudulent claim in a futile effort to withhold what could be embarrassing to the FBI and that all involved dutifully rubber-stamped this improper withholding to protect an improper political activity, extending this to even the workbooks. For more than two years the CIA has played the FBI's game in this. There is nothing in the record that required referral or caused any problem leading to any delay in the CIA's acting on the "referral." Yet it has not acted.

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