

FFK - Fr Phil

King and JFK assassination records appeals
Foreign Operations
Foreign police cooperation- 7D claims
C.A. 70-0249 and your affidavit in it

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You will recall, I am sure, that I have alleged your cited affidavit is no more than a rubber-stamping of the improper and that in both cases claim to 7D is made spuriously, almost always to withhold what is within the public domain so that the FBI could hog the credit for the work done by these other agencies. I provided you with former Assistant Director Sullivan's confirmation of the FBI intent to take credit not its due and thus to withhold identification of the foreign police who did the work. I also informed you that to a large degree the information withheld on this claim in the King case was placed in the public domain in court.

There came a time when I realized that what for me is the considerable trouble and expense I've been going to in order to provide you with copies of records in support of appeals on which you do not act is a waste I cannot continue to sustain. By that time I had made a number of copies of such records I've not had time to get to. I will be sending them to you when I can, if only so that they will not be entirely wasted and can become part of the historical record, an Orwellian record in which in the name of full disclosure the Department and the FBI in fact practice unjustifiable withholdings. To a large degree these withholdings are harassing, of requesters and the courts, as part of the official campaign against the Act and against disclosure of what can be embarrassing to errant officialdom.

As I have continued to read records I'd not read I come across multitudinous illustrations of wrongful withholding I simply can't copy and file. There is also, commonly, disclosure of what the FBI and Department have withheld.

One of the fictions is that the FBI is not operational abroad. This is not secret, meaning that the FBI is operational abroad. It is one of the matters the FBI disclosed when it suited FBI political purposes, for example, in 1964, when it disclosed the career in Ecuador of Dallas District Attorney Henry Wade.

In 1964 the FBI still has informant payment receipts filed by Wade during World War II and it made them public - for immediate political purposes.

The FBI continued operational abroad and continued to disclose this non-secret, while inconsistently, arbitrarily and capriciously also withholding such records, which makes for considerable confusion.

Once such record is 105-42555-3348. It discloses what was within the public domain, that out of Mexico City the FBI is operational in a number of Latin American countries. It also discloses that the Legat agents make regular trips to these other countries in their operations. It discloses that instead of depending on the cooperation of foreign police only the FBI conducts its own investigations.

Serial 3503 discloses that the Mexico City Legat had its own "Key security and investigative informants." about which it states there was a report in that day's diplomatic pouch. (In fact it had sex many the list, in another record, is longer than I've seen in the reports filed by any domestic office except one.)

Information provided by local authorities also is reported in this Serial.

With respect regard to the FOIA processing worksheets covering these records you provided a misleading affidavit in which the Court was told that even the identification of foreign official organizations which cooperate with the FBI had to be withheld in the name of "national security." It is this affidavit I described as a rubber stamp. It did mislead that Court. That it is unfactual is proven once again by these attached records, in addition to hundreds of others that are disclosed.