

Garrison - Mafia Matter

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JFK assassination records appeals
Withholding of the public domain
Violation of 5/5/77 FOIA policy and historical case standards
Garrison- Mafia threat against, fed to me and included in FBI's records
My RA request

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The name withheld from 62-109060-6042 is that of Richard Rye. From the most casual reading of this record it should have been apparent that withholding the name from me is ridiculous because I am very much involved in the reported underlying matter, a reported Mafia threat against Jim Garrison fed to me via Richard Rye.

Moreover, the FBI here is withholding from itself, the ^aapparent purpose being deniability. There is no reference to other existing records, especially the published details of the flap Rye created in New Orleans. There is no reference to Tom Sanders, on whom the FBI has files and had interest. There is no reference to (what I have if NOT from the FBI) an affidavit Rye gave to the FBI and Secret Service relating to the assassination of President Kennedy, prior to this incident and the underlying matter.

The withholdings are not justified. They also violate the 5/5/77 policy on FOIA and historical case standards. In addition, there is no need for them under any circumstances because the entire matter was within the public domain.

Here the FBI even ignores reference to earlier records, those including my reporting of the affair to the New Orleans field office.

And, of course, the FBI never asked me anything about any of this and as other records disclose, did not accept my offer of the tape recording I made of the initial reports to me, by phone. If it interviewed Rye when he was available and had gone public I have seen no such report. The attached LHM appears to include some of the information obtained from Rye but the wholesale excisions preclude certainty and in any event the LHM's are not complete and are designed for what the FBI elects to make available to others to be the only matter included in them.

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