

Hosty slip - appeal

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King assassination records - John Ray appeal

JFK assassination records - Oswald's threatening note to SA J.P. Hosty, Jr.

Recently you sent me a record you found relevant in the JFK cases that the FBI had withheld as not related to the King records.

What I was not aware of when I received the copy you provided is the arbitrariness and capriciousness of the withholding under the John Ray request. The record had been disclosed by the FBI and in fact was in the FBI's public reading room at the time the FBI withheld it from me in the King case. The attached copy of the identical records is 62-109060-7397.

Once again the FBI has gone to trouble and caused trouble and wasted costs for all parties to withhold what it had placed within the public domain many months earlier. Of course this also drained the limited facilities of your office and function by that much more and thus delayed all action of all appeals from FBI withholdings.

The records raises questions of the existence of relevant and unprovided JFK records. None have been provided by the Department, which supposedly gave serious consideration to a criminal prosecution based on clearly established failure or shortcomings by the FBI, Dallas and FBIHQ. The DAG stated that the Bureau should consider administrative action, if justified. No such records have been provided. Instead, as other records indicate, to be able to withhold them the FBI resorted to filings outside the assassination files.

Where the records are filed is immaterial to requests by subject matter rather than by file designation. My requests are not by file designation.

This Hosty-Oswald matter is of considerable historical importance. It was the subject of an aborted House investigation in 1975 and again by the more recent House assassins committee. It now, forever, will be of interest. It also bears on the honesty of the FBI representation that Oswald had no prior record indicative of a pre-disposition to violence. The one area without contradiction in the varying ^{versions} ~~versions~~ of the story is that Oswald did allegedly threat violence - bombing in some accounts, of the FBI and the Dallas police.

I believe all records should be provided, however classified or filed, or wherever they may be stored.