

To Quiz Shea from Harold Weisberg, indices appeals in both
JFK assassination and
King assassination records

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The FBI has yet to address the existence of any King assassination index. As I have told you there is not only proof of its existence, there is reason to believe that a special Office of Origin index was a minimal need. Once I obtained from it its own a Dallas/JFK records describing ~~its~~ index, which was provided inadvertently, not in compliance, the FBI decided to provide that index and I await it.

If the FBI had not refused to comply with my specific requests of years ago I would have obtained the attached Branigan to Lenihan memo of 4/25/67, Serial 5117, and great amount of time and money would have been saved for all parties. This memo is explicit in disclosing FBIHQ knowledge that the Office of Origin had "both general and special indices."

This remains ambiguous. Is the "general" index the office regular index or is it a "general" JFK assassination index? Does "special indices" refer to more than a single special subject index?

In the King case I believe an explicit and dependable statement made of first person knowledge is required relating to the Memphis Office of Origin indices.

If there is a special index limited to records designated MURKIN it cannot include all the FBI's information and cannot be the only subject index it has. (I have already provided you with illustrations in the course of showing that the MURKIN records are not complete with respect to persons involved in the investigation.)

I regard this as an important matter, historically and in terms of the litigation and compliance and in terms of my own work. My counsel has moved for summary judgment with regard to the King indices but I provide this information because the Court has involved you in compliance.

Because this relates to both cases I provide you with an extra copy to save you time.