

Informants disclosed

To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg, JFK assassination records appeals 6/21/79
PBHQ 62-109060-5106
New Orleans records
Vernon Bundy and "John the Baptist" Cancler

I believe I have filed an appeal relating to withholdings related to the named two.

Under other circumstances I would begin with a caution that the FBI, by seeing to it that those who are ignorant of what is within the public domain process the records ~~has~~ to assure withholding of the public domain, ~~has~~ identified a former informer. Of course I am letting you and through you the FBI know this. But not out of sympathy for the professional burglar Cancler, who appears to have made up a mercurial story.

His story was being retailed to the press at the time of the airtel by those the press associated with federal agencies. I was told this story at lunch with three New Orleans reporters the very day of the airtel, if my memory serves me well, at a small restaurant famous for its boiled beef and a cookbook my wife wanted me to get her. So ~~can~~ I ~~can~~ remember it well enough. (Phonetically, May'lee's.)

Cancler appears to have been seeking a federal favor.

The only purpose served by withholding the symbol is to make it impossible to properly evaluate any other information attributed to the same symbol.

Since the time this story was fed to the press in New Orleans in a effort to discredit Garrison, who soon eliminated all such need, it has been acknowledged by the CIA that Garrison's defendant, Shaw, had had a connection with it, a fact I published almost a decade before the CIA admission of it.

This had nothing to do with Shaw's guilt or innocence but it had much to do with what happened during the Garrison fiasco. Especially the ~~inquiries~~ leaks of information from the federal agencies.