

To Quin Shea, re Memphis case index

7/10/79

You asked for a reference to my appeals. We both appear to have misfiled simultaneously. It has taken some time but I've one reference and it refers to our prior discussion. This is to say that the appeal dated 8/4/78 is not the first relating to Memphis indices, where it is toward the bottom of page 2.

You may have this under Spica because it begins with reference to him and the Byers matter and the odd business of the unexplained xeroxing and the Spica entry in the prosecutorial index.

My carbon will not make a clear copy and my machine requires servicing and is about out of toner. However, if search presents any real problem to you let me know and I'll provide a copy. I'm also certain there were other appeals that have not surfaced here while we were setting up a file of them.

The caption I used was merely "King assassination records."

At the bottom of page 2, third line in that graf, I refer to the Dallas index and the record in which I learned of it and of MURKIN inventories not provided, which I had appealed earlier, with copies from the Dallas records. (They STILL have not been provided!) After referring to the fact that Memphis indices must exist and in the continuation at the top of page 3 I conclude this graf by saying "Asking for them now is not a new request or any broadening of the original requests." The next paragraph tells you how the case index was hidden in Dallas and tell you that "These records should provide assistance in locating any Memphis indices. I believe the Memphis Field Office will not require any assistance." I follow with several names of those who should have first-person knowledge.

There also were later appeals. You may be able to locate your copies from this account.

You were doing some checking on previously processed and substantial notes. In the course of writing me about this you provided copies of several Memphis records that were not identical with copies I had been provided. The copies you located had handwritten notes that were actually indexing instructions written on, not indicated in the usual fashion. This also followed the Dallas and I presume usual method.

It happens that we took deposition testimony last week, supplemented by the statement of Department counsel confirming it, that normal indexing is of names only.

Unless I hear otherwise from you I will suspend further searches because this establishes that not later than 8/4/78 I did make the appeal.

I feel pretty certain that the initial appeal was when I saw the Dallas record.

Now that you caused me to locate one of many appeals from the withholding of the several HQ inventory directives and the various responses, when may I expect copies, please?