

Lab

JFK and King assassination records appeals
Files not searched - Divisional files

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My appeals from the denials of searches of Divisional files, repeated after the belated finding of what allegedly remained of the King tickler, have not been acted on. Thereafter I sent you a copy of an FBI record indicating that the Divisions, contrary to the representations of the FBI, have their own files and filing personnel. I now cite proof that the Lab also kept its own records, in addition to what is filed elsewhere.

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A Not Recorded/Serial, which appears to be in the 105-62555 file as Serial 4320, is a June 23, 1964 letter, Director of Rankin.

In the note added on page 2 it states that "A Xerox copy of the transcript of the deposition of SA Cadigan has been made and is retained in the Laboratory file in this matter."

Clearly this is retained outside of Central Records.

In recent deposition testimony we were not able to obtain unequivocal and responsive answers to whether or not the Lab had its own, separate files. This was in the King case. When my counsel pressed for an unequivocal response Department counsel claimed that the SA was being "badgered." I believe that the record I cite above explains this and its purposes: the Lab files were not searched in response to my request or my appeal in the King case as they were not in the JFK case.

My purpose in informing you is not to argue but because the judge involved you in the King case in an effort to get it cleaned up. Since then you have done virtually nothing of which I am aware. Once I provided you with proof of the existence of files not searched, particularly with the large number of King records allegedly missing, I believe a Divisional search was required. A search of the Lab is particularly important, especially in the King case, where a number of items relate to the Lab's work. And, of course, the Divisional ticklers are in the Divisions, not Central Records. You have not acted on my appeal from the denial of Divisional ticklers, either.