

Local Police - JFK

JFK and King assassination records appendix
Local police, information from, and TD claim

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Privacy claims

It is the FBI's claim in both cases (and in other cases) that it must and does withhold the names of local police and information received from them. On deposition Mr. Mitchell testified that although the fact of cooperation was known, copies of reports, etc., were never disclosed. In fact, in my experience of 15 years the claim is not accurate and the FBI's practice is arbitrary and capricious in that these disclosures are common and often with regard to those the FBI does not like.

Hundreds of pages of Memphis police reports, for example, are disclosed in C.A. 75-1996.

When I picked up 105-82555 Section 196 to read it today I noticed that the first page reports that copies of Dallas police reports are attached - and that they are attached. I ~~provide~~ ^{provide} the first page of the Serial and the first page of the first of the attached reports. You will notice that neither police names nor the names of those about whom derogatory information is reported are withheld.

There is a coincidence about these reports in that/that they are not unrelated to the large internal investigation of the FBI by the FBI at the time William Walter reported that when he clerked in the New Orleans office he saw a record reporting a threat against the President. The information in these Dallas police reports (and others from other sources) is that the named persons planned an incident - "drag his dick through the dirt." (I ~~now~~ wrote about this more than a decade ago.)

There were so many such reports these should have been the kind of message Walter reported having seen or the FBI would have been negligent, as you know it never is.