

Appeals, King and Kennedy assassination records - the Somerset-Milteer matter

Attached from the 62-109060 file is a Not Recorded serial of 3/16/76, from SAC Birmingham to the Director.

Consistent with the FBI's policy of being unnecessarily elliptical there is no identification of the matter referred to. It appears to be the tape Somerset made of his conversation with Milteer.

This is relevant in both cases. There continues to be unjustifiable withholding in both cases and after a very long time following repeated appeals.

The 1976 date of press interest also reflects the continuing interest in the matter.

I have an appeal from the denial of the tape on which you have not acted. The request is one of those to which I testified in C.A. 75-1996. It is included in the ^{list} ~~list~~ of unmet requests I gave your office more than a year ago when you were unable to obtain my requests from the FBI.

This, of course, is also part of the ⁰ Somerset/Milteer matter in C.A. 75-1996. You will recall that I provided an affidavit proving that SA Beckwith's affidavit was not truthful or factual, including with regard to this matter. There has been no compliance since that time last year, no withdrawal^a or replacement of the falsely-sworn affidavit. (Rather did the Department attempt to defend it.)

Please note that the original is not in a JFK file but in an "extremist" file.

The reporter told the Birmingham office correctly, the FBI did not give the tape to the Warren Commission. I do not know whether this is because only a few days prior to the killing of the President Milteer detailed exactly how the Government says it then was done or because it also details efforts by a named person to assassinate Dr. King or because it allegedly solves the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist ^U church in Birmingham, but the FBI's withholding of the tape from the Presidential Commission is what led to my request for it under FOIA.

You also have not acted on my appeal from the withholding of the names in the MURKIN records that were provided even though both men have long been dead and the entire matter has been public knowledge since early 1967 at the latest.