

Missing attachments appeals

JFK assassination records appeals
Records not provided

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In my use of the records I have obtained it has not always been possible for me to begin with the first record in each file and examine all the records serially. I was able to do this with the King assassination records, FBIHQ and field office, and I was able to do it with the JFK assassination records from the field offices. However, when I received about 100,000 pages of FBIHQ records at one time it was not possible. My first examination of the FBIHQ JFK records was based on need. Since then I have gradually been catching up beginning with the first serial in a file. I have examined the entire Commission file and in addition to the many thousands of pages of the assassination file that I had read I've now gone page-by-page through the first 50 Sections if it.

With the mass of the records and because I have received some from other sources I am aware that recollection may be imperfect.

Because of the great volume, most of which is irrelevant, I fear that history will be denied meaningful access, so I have undertaken the additional public responsibility of making copies for a subject file, leaving the originals intact. This subject file is now more than a full file cabinet of records. I have no page count but I can tell you that I have made more copies on my copier than the service man has known the machine to make and more than he believes the model was designed to make.

I am also aware that when FBI records are serialized there may be reasons for imperfection and for records not being serialized chronologically.

Based on recollection and a search for some I state that some of the earliest FBI records relating to its investigation of the assassination of the President have not been provided to me.

One of these and one I regard as an important one I did receive by other means. In connection with my appeal relating to the withholding of information relating to Oswald in Mexico I provided you with a copy long ago. (Very long ago and as with most of my appeals you have not acted on it.) This is the Hoover to Rowley six-page cover-

duplication of 11/23/63 in which, among other things, Hoover informed Rowley that FBI agents familiar with Oswald's voice and appearance listened to the tape sent up from Mexico and examined the CIA's pictures and made negative identification.

The transcript of the tape and teletypes and other ~~records~~ ^{records} relating to it are among the other withheld information. I have sent you proof of the existence of ~~these~~ these records in the form of records referring to them.

While I do not believe these are the only records not provided, because of their importance, which is even greater now because of several Congressional inquiries, because you have knowledge of their existence and because after so inordinately long a time you have not acted on the appeals I use these to make the point.

I attach the worksheets for Section 1 of the assassination file, 62-109060. It states that the Section includes Serials 1-77 but there are actually 89 separate entries. The first record, hardly the first in time, is dated close to midnight on the day of the assassination. Examination of these worksheets does not disclose that I was provided the Hoover to Rowley of 11/23/63.

It is referred to in Serial 32, which I do not attach, dated 11/25 and in this Section. Examination of the worksheets makes clear that the attachment to Serial 32 was not provided, for it is given as of but a single page, and that it is not the next record, which is a citizen's telegram. The missing attachment is described as of "additional developments" in the investigation and obviously is of importance.

Motive for not providing the 11/23/63 record is obvious: it state the exact ^{ed} But even the opposite of the FBI's and later the Commission's official conclusions. covering letter is not included in the attached worksheets, which go several days later in time.

This is the record file, the serialized and index ^{ed} file, therefore both communications and their attachments should be in it. I do not regard their absence as accidental and do appeal their withholding and the other withholdings.