

JFK (no) law enforcement purpose

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No law enforcement purpose

More liberal disclosures of sources from outset in this case, supposedly, of withholding under FOIA of what was disclosed in Warren Commission records

Attached are cover pages C-E of 105-32555-505, Section 21. The first paragraph on C states that the Dallas USA could not find any law enforcement purpose. Such a purpose is required for any withholding under Exemption (b)(7). Previously I have provided other records, including the Director's testimony to the Commission, all stating that the FBI's JFK investigation had no law enforcement purpose.

At the top of E it is stated that information relating to sources that ordinarily would be withheld is ~~must~~ not being withheld, even what is regarded as confidential, "because of the gravity of this matter."

What was disclosed in 1963 and 1964, when there was no FOIA, is now being withheld under FOIA, which is hardly the intent of the Act.

This also means that what the FBI itself made public domain prior to FOIA it is withholding under FOIA. It merely ignores its own record of disclosure, ignores what is public domain.