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JFK assassination records appeals Harold Weisberg 9/2/79
Classification; withholding of the reasonably segregable if not also the public domain ; Oswald-Mexico appeal; previously processed claim- Dallas records

Attached is 105-82555-2377. The Mexico Legat report to which it refers appears to be Serial 2390. It is described in the worksheets as of 31 pages. Of these only nine have been provided, without a referral slip in the Section (94) to explain where the other pages are, if referred.(Also none for 2399, not provided.)

The entire matter of Oswald in Mexico and the FBI and other investigations of it have always been of considerable historical importance. This has been magnified by the treatments of the several Congressional committees, most recently and particularly the House assassins committee. There is remarkably little relating to these matters that is not within the public domain.

Classification was by 2040, whose specialty appears to be the classification of the public domain.

It is not probable that nothing on the other 22 pages was not reasonably segregable. Moreover, the record was intended for distribution and is described in 2377 as part of "a permanent historical record," with no indication that as of the time the record was created there was any need to classify it.

In addition, there has been no action on my request for a review of all classifications under the new E.O.

The Dallas copy, "previously processed" at FOIPA, is also involved, as are the two sent to New Orleans. There are improper withholdings from these copies, both sets.

From some of the obliterations it is apparent the original intent was to withhold much more, of content that is not subject to proper withholding.

And where did the FBI lose the historical case determination and the standards it requires?

This appeal is intended to include partial withholdings and withholdings of entire pages.