

*"Protecting" foreign operations*

FBI assassination records appeals  
Improper withholdings

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Classification  
"Protecting" foreign operations  
Arbitrariness and capriciousness  
2040's catalogue of FOIA horrors  
Worksheets

Attached is page 1 of a Not Recorded Serial from 62-109090 and the same record from 105-82555, where it is Serial 4631.

The worksheets for the 62-109090 file reflect that the record is of two pages, both withheld in their entirety under claim of b1. In fact this page is from that file and the worksheet is in error.

So also is the classification, which you rubber-stamped in an affidavit filed in my C.A. 78-0249 in endorsing the processing of the worksheets in that case.

Examination of the record, as disclosed in 4631, reveals neither need nor basis for classification and withholding. There is no secret disclosed. No exemptions are claimed in the worksheet covering Serial 4631. Yet the alleged reason for the withholding, disclosed on page 2, is "to protect our operations abroad."

The FBI does this by withholding the date of a newspaper's publication?

And you rubber-stamp that as a proper "national security" requirement?

Is this the kind of thing the Director had in mind in his recent Congressional testimony in an effort to get FOIA amended?

I believe that the alleged declassification of Serial 4631 does not conform to the requirements of the E.O.

For attachments see: 2FK Opinions - 62-10500-100

In the attached appeal I should have noted that all of the text of the communication and of the part of the note that appeared on page 1 is obliterated in the copy from the 62-10500 file.

Also, as is obvious, there is reasonably segregable information even if in some areas 2040 imagined there was classifiable content.