

JFK assassination records appeals
Records not searched - leaks
in Garrison

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In a yesterday's similarly captioned appeal I made reference to the leak of Garrison's Army medical records after the FBI received them.

62-109060-6155, despite its self-serving nature, indicates that the Army suspected the FBI of the leaking (perish the thought!).

Examination of this record, as provided to me, reflects that among the indexing notations there is none for the Army. It simply isn't possible that the FBI arranged not to be able to retrieve this record with an ongoing flap of serious proportions. Thus there should be some other filing. Perhaps what was once again eliminated in the xeroxing ~~islands~~ eliminated this information. However, there also is reference to other records I do not recall seeing.

The record does not reflect, for example, who made the request of the Army or to whom the Army provided copies. If the FBI were the only agency, then there is little doubt about the source of the defamatory leak.

What the colonel could have meant by saying the Army had "more to lose than to gain by continuing the investigation" is not explained by the Liaison agent, but it does not appear to have quieted the paranoid in Hoover, who wrote, "It looks as if the Inspector General's (Army) Office is fronting for Garrison."

By discontinuing an investigation in which the DHE was suspect?

There is obvious FBI motive in any withholding.

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6468 is also pertinent. It reports that an anti-Garrison reporter informed the DeLoach operation that Aaron John, former PHUSA and then head of the New Orleans Metropolitan Crime Commission handed the reporter "a Xerox of the complete Army medical file on Garrison."