

To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg JFK assassination appeals 3/25/79

Withholding by referrals

Manipulation of events and history

The launching of the Castro-kickback theory of the JFK assassination as
perhaps the largest disinformation of all.

To the captioning above I add that this exceptional and highly improper business coincided with the first public attention to the Mardi Gras counterpart, Garrison's.

Some other records have been disclosed, all heavily excised of those I've seen, as was never justified by what was within the public domain long before the processing of these releases, if under other conditions there could have been historical case justification.

A persisting mythology was successfully launched. The willing-to-be-gulled House assassins most recently gave it a big play, which adds to the historical importance and I believe required disclosure as a unit of all relevant Departmental and FBI records.

In this case there was an unjustified referral to the Secret Service. The information was certainly within the public domain because of the considerable leaking required to give the fiction attention and credibility and to bait the committee.

A former high Department lawyer became counsel to the late Sam Giancana and Roselli, both of whom were recruited by Robert Mahon for attempts to off Castro. In 1967 the lawyer gave the story to Drew Pearson, just in time for Garrison. Earlier he had gone to Earl Warren with it. I do not recall whether he or Warren went to Rowley with it but that did happen. Hence these records.

The House has held, if you'll excuse the expression, hearings. This means that a jazzed-up version of the actuality of the irrelevancies is about to be upon us. I'm sure there will continue to be official delay until that time is passed and the Cointelproing whether of not by the FBI has succeeded further.

There is no rational basis in fact or evidence for this kickback theory.

Please note that here again the Lab was to do the taping of the broadcast.

Please also note the added offices that should have been searched for compliance with earlier FOIA requests and the historical case determination and releases.

Again, as I forgot to note with earlier appeals bearing today's date, Dallas records I do not recognize from those provided- and I have read each word of each page.

This raises a question of "sources" in the index. There is none of whom I know in this story not dead or known and I can give you quite a few if fed leads without disclosure. George Lardner will recall that I introduced him to one and that we spent an entire afternoon talking to one about himself and others