

D-70-Ruby

To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg, re JFK assassination records 8/31/78

DISCLOSED CRIMINAL INFORMER - Not an appeal

I have used colored paper to draw your or your staff's attention to this because if the FBI has placed the Dallas Ruby records in the reading room it will have made public disclosure of a Chicago criminal informant who might thereby get hurt.

I ~~was~~ asked Jim Lesar to inform Dan Metcalfe immediately but if he has he has not told me this and he is now away for several days. Civil has assigned Metcalfe to this case and has asked me not to be in direct communication with it. The FBI never pays attention to ^{any} ~~any~~ of my letters, as by now your staff should have learned.

There is no ulterior purpose in this and I'd rather not have the FBI waste more time trying to attribute some deviousness to this.

Serial 2429 in DL 44-1639 identifies Gloria Mata as a PCI.

While this Ruby file~~s~~ also discloses that the FBI does reveal informers as a means of retribution absent any such indication with regard to Ms. Mata I believe the safer course is to assume disclosure was inadvertent and unintended.

Ms. Mata is of no subject interest to me. Neither was the name of the prior case I reported to the FBI when I noticed it had disclosed an informer. I made no separate file and do not recall the name.

Considering the kinds of excisions the FBI makes in the records it processes for me I'm surprised that even with the volume of these records any unintended informer identification slips through.