

*Sartre appeal*

JFK assassination records appeals - Jean Paul Sartre

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Referrals

Withholding the reasonably segregable

Worksheets

Attached to my appeal was a copy of 105-82555-4116, a short news account of the formation of another Mark Lane committee and Hoover's note reading "Find out who Sartre is." There is another memo note, a reference to a Jones to DeLoach memo.

From the worksheets this is also part of Serial 4116. (Worksheet attached)

All two pages are withheld under "national security" claim. That the record was referred to State is also indicated.

Even if the FBI turned to the State Department as to "find out who Sartre is," which I doubt, this is an FBI record and if there were any need for any referral to State there should have been some reasonably segregable information in these two pages.

(All of 4117 is withheld, also on "national security" claim. The letter is to Rankin, so again there should have been some reasonably segregable information. Assuming even that what is withheld is not within the public domain, which I would not assume in any event.)

From their preoccupation with what they regard as political matters I can understand that perhaps FBI agents may not be aware that Sartre is a public personality, even that they might regard details of his ~~public~~ private life as not publicly known, although they were well known.

But what I can't understand is how these great red-hunters could not know that ~~that~~ Sartre's politics were also very well known, even if not to Hoover.

There appears to be no basis for either withholding under "national security" claim or for referral to State.