

Third Man

JFK assassination records appeals

Harold Weisberg 8/9/79

In connection with the enclosed appeal of 8/7/79 the captions of which begin with "field office records ("third man")" and the record attached to it, 62-109060-4585, I attach a copy of the same record from the 105-82555 file.

The main reason for providing this duplicate record is another effort to learn whatever the truth may be about "Not Recorded" Serials. It appears not to be what SA Wiseman testified to on deposition, that Serialized records are indexed and Not Recorded copies are not.

While finding the same record Serialized in more than one file is not common, I believe I recall other instances. However, this case appears to be unique in that the 105 file copy is both Not Recorded and Serial 5544. This is inconsistent with any explanation of which I know.

Whenever I see the FBI's standard cliches, while I am not happy about the conclusion I have reached from much reading of these stereotyped expressions, I know they reflect an effort to impress the Director and cover ups of various kinds. This record begins and continues with them, making me wonder more about the abnormality of the one record being both numbered and not numbered on the single copy.

This con job touts "a thorough and penetrating review" and an investigation of "no gaps," "no logical leads which were not covered and as "extremely thorough."

Here it admits the truth, "There was one individual who was known to be in contact (sic) with Oswald whom we were unable to identify." As I've told you, that individual no longer exists in the WDSU prints of its film. I can show you an "upstanding" example of the FBI's efforts with this, its claim that the person was identified, Ehara. I also remind you of my ignored request for the fingerprint identification, of the print not Oswald's on his literature. There is more, there are FD302s of that day and of an earlier time than the day of the WDSU film- more than the FBI here includes in its review. On 3/12/79, in another similar appeal, I attached a New Orleans record of still another witness to this other man's participation in Oswald's pre-assassination activities, 100-16601-191. So it is also something other than mere "contact."

What also prompts suspicion as I reread this is the FBI's exoneration of itself because this man did not come forward after his picture was shown on TV. Who in those circumstances and in his right mind would have after Oswald was accused of killing the President? But the FBI did not publish the picture in the papers or ask the TV stations to carry it in any effort to obtain an identification, as it could have.

Combined with the main purpose stated above this is troubling to me. I hope you can obtain and provide a dependable answer.