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JFK and King assassination records appeals Harold Weisberg 1/19/80
 Classification claims - unjustified yet claimed to be indefinite under GDS
 Reasonably segregable not disclosed
 E.O. on classification and declassification ignored
 Classification of the public domain - of the Warren Report!

While the attached illustrations are from JFK FBIHQ file 105-82555 they illustrate also
 abuse that/characterize the processing of King assassination records and all claims
 to exemption on "national security" grounds.

It is not often that what had been held to be exempt for an indefinite period
 of time under the General Declassification Schedule is disclosed and can be ex-
 amined. The attached samples from the RIF of Serial 4214 were so stamped, "SECRET."

However, neither the cover nor the covering memorandum ^{is} ~~was~~ marked as classified,
 nor are they declassified. The attachments that were marked as exempt as Group 1
 also are not properly declassified, in accordance with the requirements of the E.O.

Of the several attachments I provide the first three (of 17) pages of the Ruby
 record and the first two (of 13) pages of the assassination record. Each is a fair
 illustration of the entire record.

The most casual examination, even by one with no subject matter knowledge, makes
 it clear that a) none of the content is properly subject to classification and b) if
 any were, certainly none is reasonably segregable.

Anyone reviewing this record, even without any subject matter knowledge, surely
 should have wondered if the content had been disclosed earlier. In fact it was all in
 the public domain and all the substantive information is in the Warren Report.

As this fairly represents the abuse of the Act and requesters, it also fairly
 represents the great costs and wastes of unjustifiable claims to exemption.

If you had acted on my similar King assassination records appeals you would know
 that this kind of improper claim to classification characterizes those records. An
 example is a (b)(1) claim for withholding the name of the late Stanley Levison, a
 well-known King associate. (This illustration comes to mind because at the time the
 records were processed I informed the FBI and also called to its attention the prominent
 portrayal of him on the TV spectacular, "King."

bcc: records attached to JFK classification