

JFK assassination records appeals

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— Withholding the public domain

What is available in the Archives in the Commission's files

What the FBI itself disclosed in other records in its general releases

Withholding the reasonably segregable

Withholding what was leaked - and leaking

In Section 45 of 62-109060 there is a memo Hoover wrote to his told brass on 2/5/64 of which three of the four pages are entirely withheld. The record is also in another file the number of which is not fully legible. While the subject matter caption, if any, is obliterated, the third page, not obliterated, leaves no doubt relates to that it ~~xxxx~~ a meeting with the Attorney General. Reference to "Reynolds" is of such nature that there is no doubt that the reference is to Don Reynolds, who the FBI interviewed, the reports not being withheld. They are also, if not all of them, in the Commission's public files.

There seems to be no need for total withholding when what is disclosed incompletely on page 3 ~~xxxx~~ makes it clear that at least portions of the other pages are within the public domain.

What the Director says he said to the AG about leaking is self-serving and is not truthful. The FBI did leak what he claims it did not leak. He may have been misled by his leaking associates but there is no doubt they did do the leaking referred to, not the Reynolds matter, of which I have no knowledge relating to that leaking. (If the A.G. did not know the truth I'd be surprised because it was no secret in Washington.)

When the FBI's self-serving, cover-the-Bureau paper is released it is more important that the AG's records also be disclosed. I've appealed that withholding and this year reminded you that your office had located them but you have not responded, even acknowledged.