JFK assassination records appeals — Harold Weisberg 11/26/79

Withholding by re-filing: "June Mail" and "Special File Room"

Files not searched: June Mail and special file room

Because of your unquestioning acceptance of an inapplicable FBI explanation for the physical removal of JFK assassination records for other filing, rather than its following of its usual practice of duplication in duplicate filing, I've stopped calling to your attention in appeals the numerous instances of this. I am forced to accept this denial of pertinent records because any other course is a practical impossibility. Generally FOIA requests are for information, not for files identified by numbers. This, of course, is true of my requests. The physical removal of records and shifting to other files is inconsistent, arbitrary and capricious, a departure from normal FBI practice.

However, I do herewith appeal the two exceptional instances, both from 62-109060-Section 102. Both are "June Mail" transfers of 1966, the period that happens to be one of more media attention to criticisms of the investigation, including by me.

4207 is a letter to the Archivist "re transfer of items and evidence," allegedly "for safekeeping." Filing in FBI files does not provide for "safekeeping"?!!? The initial transfer was of the next year, 1967. Then in 1976 this was put in the "Special File Room," which still has not been searched in response to my requests.

Putting 4240 in "June Mail" is undated. The date of the record is 10/28/66. If this is a mail interception pertinent to the assassination total withholding is, I believe, unjustified, if any withholding is justified.

I still have had no action on my "June Mail" appeals, no response of any kind.

Both slips are attached. If it is claimed that the wrong form was used on 4207, there is no excuse for it because there is another and proper form.