W/Whitley what FBI may disclose

King assassination appeals — Harold Weisberg 10/20/79
JFK assassination records appeals
Withholding what the FBI itself disclosed
Withholding what is within the public domain and what is in the available Warren Commission records at the Archives
Milteer/Somersett appeal

It is now well over a year since the judge expressed displeasure with the false responses made with regard to a number of items, particularly the Milteer/Somersett matter. Relating to this I displayedin court several large volumes of records made available to a later requester but as of then (or since) not provided to me. The false affirmation was by SA Beckwith.

You also wrote me that the FBI does not withhold what is disclosed in Warren Commission records and despite my providing you with a number of proofs that your statement is inaccurate you have not withdrawn it.

You have not acted on the relevant appeals, either.

This combination appeals to be one of the more effective Departmental means of assuring and perpetuating unnecessary litigation. The only alternative is the negating of FOIA, which has been a clearly visible endeavor in all my cases.

In C.A. 75-1996 I presented a long list of requests not acted on for periods of more than a decade. The judge asked to be informed on progress on compliance. Since then there has been partial compliance with one request and full compliance with another, leaving about two dozen still not complied with after three more years. Naturally the judge has not been informed on progress on compliance.

One of these requests was the Milteer/Somersett matter. It is pertinent to both King and JFK cases.

What the FBI itself disclosed, what is readily available in the Archives and what Somersett and I both published and was considered by several Congressional committees is withheld in 62-109060-2089. This includes all the names that are withheld. This is the one appeal on which the FBI acted, by providing me with what it had withheld - prior to the King case and prior to this withholding. All of this still withheld information is included in what was disclosed to Dan Christensen, the records I displayed and quoted from in court.