

JFK assassination records appeals
— Withholdings

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Attached from 62-109090-73 are a Branigan to Sullivan memo relating to the forwarding by the AG of an article he received from the White House and the response to the AG over the Director's signature, both of 12/17/63.

This is one of the first serious and critical magazine considerations of the assassination by professional historians. Elsewhere the FBI disgorged its interpretation of those of its records on the two men it decided to disclose. The withholdings are neither classified nor designed to protect privacy, which would be counter to the 5/5/77 FOIA policy and historical case standards. Staughton Lynd in particular was well known for his peace activism in any event.

(Where the questions raised can be made to appear to be baseless in fact they are close to the point where they are not all fully accurate and it is only by an overly-literal and unjustifiably rigid consideration of them from a very partisan position that they can be dismissed.)

I appeal all the withholdings in both records.