

To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg, JFK assassination records appeals 6/15/79
Referrals
New Orleans office - Gordon Novel
Worksheets

Serial 2015 of 89-69, attached, was provided by the FBI as part of a small selection of supposed referrals. The covering letter listed the agencies which had not acted on referrals. One of these is the ~~XXXX~~ CIA. Yet the worksheets indicate that this record was withheld originally because it had been referred to the CIA. How the CIA ~~did~~ ^{did} and ~~did~~ not act on referrals at one and the same time is not readily apparent.

Why the record should have been referred to anyone also is not apparent. (I do not know the extent of your checking before you provided an affidavit in C.A. 78-0249 relating to FBIHQ records but I do not see how this kind of withholding can be detected by merely reading the worksheets and claims made to withhold.)

I was in New Orleans at about the time of this memo and heard the same story from several reporters at lunch. It was one of a number of Novel stories going around. It got to and interested Garrison, who spent much irrelevant time on it. (One of these stories is that these explosives were intended to be used at the time of the Bay of Pigs but not at the Bay of Pigs.)
of an FBIHQ 62 file

Serial 5105 is a teletype to the Bureau providing the information. It refers also to a phone call to the Bureau of which I recall no record. (I appeal the withholding.) It also reports information not included in the memo, 2015.

There is reference to both records in 62-109060-5095, to which I've attached the LHM for distribution, 5015.

The information was given to the CIA (and, of course, was widely printed) but the records provided include no comment from the CIA.

The preceding serial, 5094, was referred to the CIA, but that is of earlier date and is an AAG to Hoover memo.

I am reasonably certain that New Orleans had to have a Novel file, which is withheld and is ~~part~~ ^{part} of the historical record. It is within my request. Denial appealed.

