

King assassination records appeals  
Memphis records- Stipulation  
Photographs not provided  
Byers appeal

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Attached is a worksheet page for Memphis MURKIN 44-1987-1A, Vol. 5, Serials 149-160.

Please note 151-3, where the exemption claimed is obliterated and replaced with "Returned to Contributor" and where unlike the other and normal entries relating to photographs, the number of actual pages is omitted by not filling that blank in. It is customary for there to be an explanatory and identifying FD340 with each photo or group of photos. The FD340s exist. They are merely withheld by not being accounted for.

The dates on all three is 5/3/68.

153 is described as "1 photo of Byers."

The only Byers I recall in this case is Russell D. Byers, pertaining to whom you have my appeal you have not acted on for something like two years.

It is the FBI's story that it accidentally misfiled his reportedly having been offered a contract to kill Dr. King - and to have found it only when finding and providing it could (and did) serve to mislead the House assassins committee.

If by any chance the missing 153 photo is of that Byers, then there are substantial new doubts about the FBI's convenient story.

Contributor often means another FBI office. With that Byers it could have been St. Louis but given his career others also are possible.

I appeal these withholdings as well as those others of similar nature attributed to privacy after the FBI has disclosed the names. I would like unexpurgated copies of the FD340s, no privacy claims being possible after disclosure of the names.

The worksheet appears to be phoney in other respects. I was able to check 155 to another volume. There it appears that what here is given as a single photograph and envelope (FD340) is actually seven photos, none obliterated.

Almost all the photos were withheld, which I also appeal.

File No: 44-1987-1A

Re: MURKIN

Date: 8/23/77  
(month/year)

Serial	Date	Description (Type of communication, to, from)	No. of Pages		Exemptions used or, to whom referred (Identify statute if (b) or (3) cited)
			Actual	Released	
149	4/30/68	2 photo Ray + 1A	2	1	photo in 77c. file
150	4/13/68	2 artist conception + 1A	3	1	artist concept in 17g. file
151	5/8/68	1 photo of RANNEY	0	0	Returned to artist
152	5/8/68	2 photo of RANNEY	0	0	"
153	5/8/68	1 photo of BYERS	0	0	"
154	4/19/68	2 photo + 1A ENU	2	1	(b)(7)(C)
155	4/10/68	1 photo + 1A ENU	2	1	(b)(7)(C)
156	4/10/68	4 photo + 1A ENU	3	1	(b)(7)(C)
157	4/12/68	2 photo + 1A ENU	3	1	(b)(7)(C)
158	4/12/68	1 photo + 1A ENU	2	1	(b)(7)(C)
159	4/12/68	2 artist conception + 1A ENU	2	1	artist concept in 77c. file
160	5/8/68	1 photo + ENU	2	1	(b)(7)(C)