

JL: State (Vines) 6/22 re cable referred by CIA

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It would be difficult to find a more ludicrous case than this silliness.

Now they are claiming that the State Department has a law-enforcement purpose in Canada.

There seems to be a new affection for (S)(E) as an exemption. While I think the only value of this particular document is for ridicule, we are getting this E stuff with more regularity and as a substitute for other exemptions on which we have beaten them. What unknown investigative method can be "disclosed" in an unclassified cable that probably reports the well-known fact that the Mounties did an investigation.

In this case it would be hard to even claim a law-enforcement purpose from Canada after Ray's capture. They didn't even need a Canadian to testify to the false passport. Having it and him was enough with an arresting officer-London not Canada.

I don't recall getting this from FBI or DJ, both included in distribution.

Maybe if I want to amuse myself tomorrow I'll appeal.

Meanwhile, let us be alert to the claim to (7)(E).

This looks like the beginning of a new turn in playing games with the Act.

For all this time we never hear of it and now three times in a week.

With all the traffic from England and Portugal CIA refers this one document to Eur. Aff. Affairs - a Canadian document. Nothing from England or Portugal?

And all the cookie-pushers have to confer on it yet.

Someone wanted to withhold. The upper right-hand corner reads "CAN (b)(S)", not any part of it.