

*Oswald-Murco*

Té Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg re  
JFK assassination records of  
Dallas field office and FBIHQ  
Oswald- Mexico

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Long ago and on a number of occasions I filed special appeals pertaining to Dallas FBI information about Oswald in Mexico, its investigation and non-investigation. I also requested a review of classification under the then new E.O. I have had no responses of any kind. I provided you with copies of FBI records reflecting what Director Hoover told the Secret Service the day after the assassination, based on the withheld Dallas records, and with an FBIHQ order to reclassify some of the withheld records. I provided you with information establishing that much if not all of the withheld information was within the public domain and that the upward reclassification was subsequent to extensive public treatments, internationally front-page treatments, of what was made public. This is to say that the reclassification was unjustified and in bad faith and was intended to withhold, improperly, what could not be withheld properly.

More recently you informed us that there had been a partial review of the classified and withheld information and that a substantial portion of it was being disclosed to me and the remainder was to be subjected to a further review. I have asked when I may expect what had been reviewed and was to be disclosed and with the passing of considerable time I have had no response.

Page 250 of the report of the House assassins committee (HSCA) discloses FBI motive in the improper withholdings and the fact that at least some of the withheld information was and is reasonably segregable and was not properly subject to classification of any kind. The HSCA had access to unexpurgated copies. It quotes directly. What it quotes makes it clear that Director Hoover misinformed the Secret Service. This is contemporaneous motive for the perpetuated bad-faith withholdings I appealed in 1978, thereafter in amplification and on a number of occasions.

The merest glance at the withheld records had to disclose that at the very least some was reasonably segregable and of considerable significance. So, I ask again for prompt attention to this important matter.

JL- I would like you please to send a copy of this appeal to Metcalfe and for me allege bad faith not by him but in the FBI's representations to him and thus his to us and to the Court. There is also bad faith in the delay in providing me with what had been reviewed and in December I was told would be provided. All processing had been completed because there was the initial processing plus the reclassification reprocessing. Also, insist on all copies of all pertinent worksheets. I think it is necessary, based on a long record and the more recent one of which I informed you yesterday, the Marina surveillance records, to take firm initiatives. This provides an air-tight one because they are still withholding what HSCA published and was never properly classifiable, if any of the content was. The more Metcalfe has to face and address at this time the more he will have reason to stay on top of what the FBI is and is not doing. This is another area in which he has given his word and I think he won't be happy about it. HW 3/20/81