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I just wanted to update the group on my lawsuit.

Last Friday, the CIA responded to my July 7 motion for fuller disclosure with another motion for summary judgment. (Attached) The agency's position, while obtuse and unsurprising, is also revealing.

The motion, in its elaborate defensiveness, discloses where some of the Agency's most sensitive JFK secrets are located: in the AMHINT and AMBARB files.

This motion seeks to block disclosure of anything in those files. The CIA will not confirm or deny that Joannides had any involvement with either operation.

Unfortunately for the CIA's legal case, declassified records prove beyond any doubt that he was deeply involved in both. (The details/documentation are in my July 2009 declaration.) That means the AMHINT and AMBARB operations have been officially disclosed and that their files must be searched for Joannides material. This, I now realize, is what the Agency fears most about this litigation.

The AMHINTS were Cuban student assets in the U.S., some of them with formal "agent" status. (They were originally recruited under the AMMOT program, run by David Morales.) The AMBARBs were Cuban student assets overseas. Some of the names of the AMHINTS and AMBARBs have been released; but many have not.

In short, the CIA is trying to prevent the release of the names of living people who can comment knowledgably about George Joannides' activities as they related to Lee Harvey Oswald and proand anti-Castro Cubans in the summer and fall of 1963. That's noteworthy, if not suspicious.

I will respond to this motion. later this month; Judge Leon will decide the matter, probably before the end of the year.

JM

On Sat, Sep 5, 2009 at 2:07 PM, John McAdams <john.mcadams@marquette.edu > wrote: I have a question, which I thought I would bring to the experts here.

Here is a page on my site where I have a little fun with Lisa Pease, who took literally a bit from the Lopez Report. Lopez has Langley telling the people in Mexico City that Lee Oswald was homosexual.

http://mcadams.posc.mu.edu/leegay.htm

And she is quoting this part of the Lopez Report:

http://www.maryferrell.org/mffweb/archive/viewer/showDoc.do? mode=searchResult&absPageId=68879

But then there is this document, an apparently critique of the Lopez Report by S.D. Breckenridge of the CIA.

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Breckenridge complains that Lopez misstates the relevant CIA memo.

Apparently, Lopez was working off of this document:

http://www.maryferrell.org/mffweb/archive/viewer/showDoc.do? mode=searchResult&absPageId=1026566

Lopez' citation doesn't exactly match that document. But one typically finds identical language in multiple documents -- which are simply copying the same source.

Lopez citation:

http://www.maryferrell.org/mffweb/archive/viewer/showDoc.do?docId=799&relPageId=395

Am I missing something?

I've been using this as an example of CIA incompetence.

Should it instead be an example of the HSCA messing up?

.John

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