

RE and JFK assassination records requests Harold Weisberg 6/19/80

As is true in most cases, there is overlap between my RE and JFK records requests - in all cases concerning the release made of these records by the FBI, for its special political reasons. Distorted references to my alleged past and FBI records pertinent to it are included in the JFK assassination records to which I refer.

Two of my requests covered at the FBI at various agencies were on 10/24/77, New York, and 10/16/78, Arlington, Va. The radio station is in the Richmond/Alexandria office territory. I filed requests of all 50 field offices. I was told the FBI refers to an "an established source" at the TV station it obtained both tape and transcript of the "Identity Report" broadcast, later identified, (62-103060-4375). While 62-103060-6906 is a tape of the WAVA broadcast, other records indicate that the recording was done on a Sunday by the Lab and that a transcript, not provided, was made. Pertaining to the Identity Report, serial 4273 states that the Genetic Intelligence, Laboratory and General Investigative Divisions are to review the transcript and provide rough drafts of reviews, which the Criminal Section of GID was to coordinate and incorporate in a rough memo. (This is a function of the Lab to which I've referred in earlier and ignored appeals - not the usual Laboratory function.)

These drafts have not been provided under either request. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ The usual function of the Civil Rights Section of GID would not appear to include "reviewing" transcripts of broadcasts of criticism of the FBI, later to be coordinated with other such reviews by a different part of GID.

Now that a decade has passed and in some respects my views have changed as I've learned more - often from previously withheld records. In some respects the FBI distorts. Regardless, I am anxious to preserve all possible, including any unfaithful FBI representations, for the future. I therefore desire what is withheld.

The tape recordings are NSF, the serials are none. With the Identity Report every place where there was broadcast there there is a field office may have pertinent records. Initial broadcasts were in New York and Washington (WABC), where a well-known

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FBI "contact"/asset was very aggressively pursued, her sponsorship undisturbed by her public disrepute. Other records reflect the fact that Miriam Ottenberg was used in its JFK propaganda activities by the FBI.

HQ at least did not provide 433 in response to my RA request. While it does not mention my name, or the other names, the other pertinent records do. It was not possible for Mr. Barrett to locate the other records referred to in this memo in what was provided under RA request.

While the NAVY memo, 6306, is included in HQ RA response, the WFO was not. A check of WFO response discloses nothing was provided. What was used as the basis for 6306 also was not provided.

It is apparent, not for the first time, that the laxest duties not normally those of ^{Lab} the laboratory do require/searches not made to comply with both my RA and subject-matter requests and this appeal does include the failure to make such searches.