

King assassination records, PA request appeals

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At the time I received what remains of the gutted long tickler I appealed the withholding from me, under both the King case and my 1975 PA request, of the FBI's records associating me with at least two bank robberies it attributed to what records I have not received refer to as "the Ray gang."

Several instalments of records ~~relating~~^{relating} to his alleged involvement in the King case and his unquestioned involvement of the FBI's investigation of it have been provided to Jerry Ray. ~~Although I am~~ ^{Although I am} ~~requested~~ to receive copies of all records disclosed in the King and JFK cases I have not received these. There is no real privacy consideration because in this case Jerry Ray is a public person and there is none based on the extremely personal nature of what the FBI has already disclosed and is in its own reading room and the published materials of the House assassins committee.

Aside from its persisting dedication to harassing me and the Court there is additional motive that can be perceived: the USA found the baseless case the FBI hoked up to be inadequate and refused prosecution. I doubt the FBI wants that in its public reading room or wanted it in the committee's published materials.

Of course this is also true of records relating to that other FBI-alleged "gang" member, John, the other Ray brother. I understand that after he was thrown back in jail without due process the FBI tried to pin other bank robberies it could not and did not solve on him. I have, not from you or the Department or the FBI, a Department record that is explicit in stating that the FBI would find his newest rejailling helpful in solving new bank robberies. Records I received earlier, again official records but not provided by official sources in response to requests filed by Mr. Lesar, which were complied with only in ways that made the Department look good and the House assassins look bad, indicate that the parole people filed false charges to justify this newest rejailling of John. The newest Department effort is to prove he is crazy because he alleges what did really happen and is hidden by the withholdings.

John has been transferred from a local Missouri jail to the Medical Facility for Federal Prisoners at Springfield.

There is little likelihood that the best-intended medical people will be inclined to believe what reasonable people ordinarily would not believe but is absolutely true. A medical finding that John is paranoid or has a persecution complex is almost automatic now. This also means that courts will be even less inclined to accept his word no matter how truthful he may be.

Now if you will examine the records recently received by Mr. Cesar you will see that it was the Department's view that it had more control over John without a perjury charge being filed against him for the House assassins than if one were. Events have validated this judgment. There has been no risk from a baseless perjury charge but John is back in jail, without having committed any real offense, for another minimum of eight months. This was aided by the filing of a spurious attempted murder charge against him when in fact he was assaulted, just in time for the House assassin's Blakey to pump the fiction hard on live coast-to-coast TV. That the charge was baseless and was dropped did not deter its misuse by the Department's parole component.

Virtually none of the records relating to John as an allegedly successful bank robber as his part in the FBI's visualization of a King assassination conspiracy have been provided in C.A. 75-1996. Once I obtained any such records I appealed their denial. You have done nothing about this in about a year. There is no connection of any alleged scope connivance because I was to have received all records relating to all Rays. My own filing by the FBI in these bank robbery cases also makes the records relevant in my PA request the appeals on which you have not acted on in four years.

For your information the present head of the FBI sentenced John to 18 years as the driver of a switch car for the acquitted bank robber. Before all the strange things began to happen in connection with the committee the parole authority found that the time had had by then served was excessive, even if John were guilty.