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King assassination records appeals

Harold Weisberg 12/8/79

The Rays and bank robberies

The OHI investigation and report

The House assassins investigation and report

PA request

In prior appeals I have claimed that all information relating to the FBI's efforts to pin bank robberies on the Rays (and as a means of explaining James's financing for the year after his Hefen escape and prior to the assassination) and its leading of this connection to the Media (to explain the FBI's own investigative failures) plus its planting the same notion with the House committee provides relevance for all records allegedly connecting the Rays with any bank robbery the FBI otherwise may have failed to solve. In addition there is relevance to my as yet unmet PA request coming from the inclusion of such records, also including me, in what remains of the gutted long tickler.

The 5/11/79 enclosure with your letter of 12/4/79, which is added complaines with my "ohm Ray request for which I thank you, adds relevance. This record is the Department's determination that with regard to these robberies "ohm Ray did not commit perjury in denying them before the House committee.

The very limited and incomplete disclosure in the records provided in C.A. 75-1996 leaves no real doubt of the relevance of information relating to these robberies. At least one is in the court record, one in which the names of those actually charged with the Alton robbery were excised. It is my recollection that the judge said the ~~names~~ should not be withheld but the FBI had never restored them.

The (mis) use by the House committee of course adds relevance and removes the possibility of privacy claims. (The names were not secret in any event although the FBI pretended otherwise.) In at least one case the FBI appears to have suborned perjury. It has not denied any of my sworn allegations in this regard. Protecting the Bureau may be its first law but it is not an exemption written into FOIA. Using the House committee for the same purpose also is improper. And in this regard I call to your attention that the bank robbery records are not among those set aside in the special room for the committee's use. I have the list of those files. I suggest that this

means that the FBI accomplished that by indirection. (a b/c method for which it has not yet asserted a claim that I recall.)

If the rough and unedited draft of the memo I prepared for the HSCA in rebuttal of its alleged evidence, a copy of which I provided to the Department prior to its publication by HSCA, contributed to this wise decision I am gratified. There has been much too much miscarriage of justice and contriving of solutions to unsolved crimes without more political fuel being added to such fires.

(enclosure) plus its plastic, the case action with the House as with provide evidence for all records of equally collection the days with any bank robbery and otherwise my have file to solve. In addition there is reference to my as get most of request coming from the inclusion of such records, also including as, in that respect of the gotten long tickler.

The 7/1/77 enclosure with your letter of 12/4/76, which is about compliance with my "one use request for which I thank you, acknowledgment. This request to the Department's administration that with regard to those robberies the FBI do not consider copying to be made before the House committee.

The very latest and strongest enclosure is the records provided to HSCA 7/1/77 which leaves as well most of the relevance of 1/2/77 that relative to some robberies, at least as far as the court record, one in which the names of the FBI actually cleared with the other robbery were excluded. It is my realization that the FBI should not be withheld but in the past never restored them.

The (sic) use of the House committee of course this procedure and provided the possibility of privacy claims. (The names were not secret in any event although the FBI pretends otherwise.) In at least one case the FBI appears to have submitted records. It has not denied any of my sworn allegations in this regard. Protecting the House record in its first use but it is not an excessive request into FBI. Using the name committee for the same purpose also is improper. and in this regard "one use" request attention that the bank robbery records are not being those not made in the special report for the committee's use. I have the list of those files. I suggest that the