

PA - both

To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg, PA requests

5/14/80

DAG
Civil
Criminal
USAs, DC, Baltimore

Attached is a copy of the 5/3/80 DAG response to your 11/14/79.

In part it is impossible for me to determine what Mr. Funston is talking about.

He does not refer to all the existing records, as my prior appeals identified them.

I believe that all fees should be waived because of the role in which the Department itself has cast me in the matter of political assassinations, of a public figure. After I invoked my PA rights, to both FBI Director and AG, and received no response, it disclosed the most vicious and defamatory fabrications, without disclosing even the partial correcting statements I had filed. My present interest in these records is historical. While Mr. Funston gives a 1977 date for the request, I began making them in 1975, without response. Much has happened since then and it changed my life and interest in what I will do with what remains of it.

The DAG's files should at the least contain all my FOIA requests of the period they were addressed to the DAG. They are now historically important, in part because most were entirely ignored, although my checks were cashed.

The 51 pages of tort cases records can't be all and their source is not given.

I do want the unspecified number of pages of records located in the files of unidentified USA's offices, I presume both DC and Baltimore. I would like you to review the seven pages said to be marked for total withholding to determine whether the claims to exemption are still justified. For example, such time has passed. Are the people still alive? If these areas include 1940 records, if the claims, including (b)(5) can be asserted, should they be? Kept or must they be? These old records also are historically important. The helicopter suits are in a different sense. Because precedent, ecologically.

My initial request was under FOI, later with PA added. All things considered, and because for archival and historical purposes there is public interest, this appeal is intended to include both Acts and the fee waiver.