

PA
King assassination records appeals

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Records not provided (Departmental and provided to others)

Ray records not provided (Alton bank robbery)

Withholdings relating to foreign police/operations

My PA request

Although I am to receive copies of all records provided to others in both King and JFK assassinations cases, as I have informed you without response the FBI is not keeping its word - in both cases. Not long ago I reminded you that the FBI had provided records to Jerry Ray (and Mark Lane) that it has not provided to me. Recently I received by mail copies of two records that were provided to another and later requester of King assassination information that was not provided to me.

One of these is a Department record, 95-100-473, although it originated with the FBI, whose LHM it is. It includes information of a kind that is regularly withheld in the MURKIN records under 7 (C) and (D) claims, from foreign officials, including police, in three countries. The RCMP and Scotland Yard are both cited by name, along with the information both provided.

The other one is an FBI record, a teletype from the field. The file in which the original copy is located is not legible on this record. It is not the file of the caption, House Select Committee on Assassinations, which is one of the filing notations added (62-117290).

In checking my notes to confirm the number I find that I have seen records from that file that should have been provided under my PA request and were not, a request to see all my FOIA requests.

This Not Recorded copy is from 91-27494, which pertains to the robbery of the Bank of Alton (Illinois, 7/67).

Copies were provided to the AAGs Criminal and Civil Rights and to C.I.U. which I take to mean Congressional Inquiry Unit.

This record attributed the bank job to "the Ray brothers" and thus is ^{its} relevance to my requests, although the records of this bank job (and others, appealed without action by you) ^{remain withheld} to my requests.

copy of the 1968-1969 FBI report - see page 211
24th Street, N.W. - see page 211
for all records of the FBI

This gets to another area of non-compliance with my PA request and in C.A. 75-1996. In what remains of the gutted long tickler I am included in those bank robbery files in a manner that I inferred you has to come from some form of surveillance that was misinterpreted. I am included in the surveillance items of the request in C.A. 75-1996.

The alleged information, directed not to the file on the bank robbery but to the assassins committee, is consistent with doing a job on that committee. The information is inherently incredible, although this is not indicated by citation to existing records. It is the account, 11 and a half years after the fact, of the alleged recollection of a woman who was driving home or to lunch and caught a glimpse of two men one of whom she says is John Ray. Her recollection of the alleged fleeting observation is complete to details of this clothing, even the kinds of (unlaced) shoes, his alleged wig (red, a ^{la} Howard Hunt) and the shape and condition of his fingers.

The time of this record is interesting - days before John Ray's appearance before the assassins committee, and fewer days before a bum rap of attempted murder was laid on him for just long enough to permit the committee to exploit it for coast-to-coast TV attention. It was in between the two Departmental jailings of John Ray, the first a parole retarding the second a charge of violation. To encourage the charge of parole violation the FBI told the parole people that throwing John Ray back in jail could assist its efforts to solve still other bank robberies, of the period he was on parole. (If John lives long enough maybe the FBI can solve all the unsolved bank robberies in its files?)

There appears to be a fairly clear pattern, of withholding from me of records the FBI could figure the assassins committee would go for and I would debunk, as I did with some regularity and without subsequent dispute.

If you have a more reasonable explanation of these continued withholdings of records within my litigated and PA requests and in violation of the administrative determination that I would be given copies of all King records given to others I would appreciate your sharing it.

best records with King appeals, records not provided