

Tom Buchanan

Ca 78-0322 - "national security" claims; withholding of records pertaining to critics; Surveillance of critics; SAC letter 64-23, 6/23/64 - pertaining to critics? 3/10/82

Among other things, the enclosed copy of 100-10461-6505, sent to me by the FBI on 3/10/82, discloses that my appeal/request for a b1 review by the DRC, was not acted on until 10/7/81, and then was withheld by the FBI for five more months.

While the obliteration at the beginning eliminates the purpose and subject, what is not withheld at the end makes it appear that it relates at the least to Tom Buchanan and probably to his publishing and writing.

What was originally withheld as b1 is all public and if it hadn't been was not subject to withholding any way, like the published public comments of the Commissioners, even with the papers in which published indicated- and withheld.

I do not think that a file number, withheld at the bottom of page 1, is classifiable. The file no. withheld, a 65, is a "admat" file in which I have often found records pertaining to surveillances filed.

The concluding paragraph is the language the FBI used regularly to state without explicitness that the material was intercepted. Often it was sued for bugs and taps and as the file numbers for them.

The absence of concluding quotation marks may indicate that the NY FBI was quoting directly what had been intercepted, maybe a Buchanan letter.

There were two prior reviews on which the classification was upheld and made indefinite as exempt under Category 2.