

To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg King assassination records 12/16/78
Privacy requests

Thank you for reminding me that Mr. Lear did in fact file the appeals to the Baltimore and Los Angeles Field Office with regard to my Privacy Act request of 1975. This also reminds me that when there was total stonewalling from the field offices, as distinguished from extensive and continuing stonewalling by FBIHQ, Mr. Lear also repeated the request to all field offices for me because that was beyond my capability.

If you will be kind enough to reread Mr. Lear's appeals of January 24 and 31 of this year you will find that for the most part they are ignored.

He also referred to the Washington Field Office. There is no reference to this in the few pages of records Mr. McCreight sent recently. And no WFO records.

There is no reference to the still withheld records referred to. Nor is there any denial of their existence.

When so much time passes and then the FBI goes out of its way not to identify requests in any way and with me almost always refuses to include the sequential numbers, it is not difficult to get them mixed up. I presume this is FBI intent, otherwise it would properly and clearly identify each request and communication to the exclusion of all others.

Baltimore is clearly and deliberately not complying with this and with the King request/appeal because, as you now know, it withheld its outeness in associating me with two bank robberies, unless FBIHQ decided that. Considering its earlier fabrications I suppose I could regard filing me with bank robberies as kindness by the FBI. However, all such records are within my PA request and in my career of alleged association with bank robberies, surprisingly enough, with the King investigation. For that matter, although I have written you and the FBI about it often enough and prizes were made to the judge more than a year ago, WFO still has not returned the photo and sketch I loaned the FBI in April 1968. Nor, I am confident, all relevant records.

Mr. Lear asked what law was being enforced. The name of the local SA was withheld from a memo forwarding Minuteman records I loaned the FBI. There was excision from the copy of my letter to the editor of the local paper over the firing of a sociologist who apparently failed to refer to the Founding Director as St. Edgar. I repeat the unanswered question, what laws were being enforced to make any Exemption 7 claim applicable?

I was not a candidate for government employment and have every reason to believe that nobody was considering hiring me without speaking to me about it. So how does Exemption 1 become applicable?

When may I expect response to the actual appeals of about a year ago rather than a few more of the many withheld records? And would you mind nudging FBIHQ and the Springfield F.O. about what I don't recall even from dream, my alleged association with bank robberies? No copies elsewhere, like Memphis, Chicago, St. Louis?

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