

To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg re JFK assassination records 8/22/78

Inventory worksheets
Materials inventoried

The last records in the Dallas "Oswald" file, 100-10461, are several volumes described as inventory worksheets. These are other than the processing worksheets. They relate to items of evidence. (What is surprising is that all this evidence is part of the "Oswald" file rather than the assassination file or the file on the killing of Dallas Policeman J.D. Tippitt.)

Copies of the records themselves have not been provided, are not referred to in the processing worksheets and have not been mentioned in FBI correspondence. I therefore appeal the denial.

In order not to have to read the same records over and over again I have delayed reading these inventory worksheets until I can examine them with the relevant records. However, as others have examined the records here and have obtained copies, some copies were made. Although they reflected the interests of others a few may serve as illustrations. I attach copies of the inventory worksheets relating to Items D119, D120, D121, D127, D226, E 7 and 8 and 235. I appeal the withholdings from them, noting that initial classification was not until 6/30/79, which is long after my request. As I have before, I also ask that classification review be in accord with the new executive order because this is an historical case, because of my age and health, and because not to do it will cost the government much time and trouble a few months in the future, when such a review would be mandatory.

I suggest that your staff learn whether the FBI is again withholding what has been made available in the past.

With regard to Item 235, this relates to an old request to which the FBI has not responded - something like a decade old. Shortly after Lee Harvey Oswald reached New Orleans toward the end of April 1963 he picketed the carrier Wasp, handing out literature. As this record shows, the fingerprint was not that of the supposedly alone Oswald. My request included reports on the investigation and of the identification of the print. Supposedly one of the elements requiring and receiving intense attention is whether or not Oswald had associates. The FBI has filed no first-person affidavit establishing that when the President was killed the FBI did not do its job. Also, I remind you that the Department assured Judge Gesell that all my requests would be met by providing me with the records. (This is not the only indication of an Oswald associate or associates in New Orleans relating to which and to whom the FBI has not provided records. Among the evidence that has disappeared is photographs FBI SAs showed to witnesses.)