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The national desk decided against using the story on Ford's commercializing the Warren Commission because, as the desk explained it to another reporter, John ~~Wank~~ Hanrahan, Members of the Congress would not take it or understand it as a serious transgression, if any at all.

*Likewise was my filing of a suit over this in federal court yesterday not news today. Not in the Post, not anywhere else. Nobody has called me on it.

Hanrahan has tried to interest others.

Ford swore falsely about this, but that also is not news.

The classification was merely "top secret", so that was not newsworthy, either.

Nor was it that he has and has exercised an exclusive copyright on government information.

The Post has managed not to use the Jaworski files they have had for a week. They coincide perfectly with what Ford sold for profit, that being precisely what Jaworski covered up at the outset.

Knowing this would be the case, I did not tell the national desk about filing the suit. I did get a copy to Hanrahan. I presume he will show it to his editor.

The only use I made was to leave a message for Art Kevin, who is not in today, and for his editor, who was coming in later.

In this case it may not be merely the Post's assassination hangup. I think it is probable they want Ford confirmed as fast as possible and tailor the news to help to the degree news management can.

The same can be true of the Star and other papers. The court filings are covered and I did background more than the Post.