

JFK assassination records appeals: from withholdings to protect disinformation and misinformation operators (who have helped the FBI and whose views are not unpopular with the FBI and who may have had other intelligence connections)

In 62-109060 Section 188, beginning with Serial 7588, there is extensive withholding throughout a series of records relating to an intent to phoney up pictures connecting Castro with the assassination.

Early in the assassination investigation one of ~~the~~^{the} major problems the manpower-pressed FBI faced was tracing down the nasty fabrications of many anti-Castro Cubans who sought to use the assassination as a means of inspiring an attack on Cuba and the forcible deposing of Castro.

I regard this as a truly rotten business, an adventure that could have incinerated the world, and hardly the kind of ~~adventuring~~ that is entitled to any protection in an historical case.

Because the basic story appears to be familiar I am led to believe that one of the names withheld is that of Frank (Francisco) Bartes, who happened to have been in Oswald's notebook of addresses. Others appear to be Grodon Novel and a prominent public official.

All are public figures in any event. Bartes headed the CIA's anti-Castro front, the Cuban Revolutionary Council, in New Orleans. He later engaged in a humanitarian endeavor, flying planes in the Congo for the CIA, a project reportedly for bombing black civilians. He had headed a Cuban railroad and reportedly fled after his effort to bribe Castro failed.

With regard to the name of the person prosecuted on an arson charge if there were no other ~~way~~^{way} of knowing the obliterated name the FBI assured the possibility if not the certainty by providing all the information needed to learn it from court records and newspapers. This kind of withholding is harassment, not protection of those entitled to protection.

Prior to FOIA no information of this nature was withheld. Many such adventures are and always have been readily available at the Archives.

I have no personal interest in the withheld information but in the public responsibilities that have been forced on me I am required to appeal these kinds of withholdings in an historical case.