

JL: I think Meyer Fishbein's 1/2/76 invites the kind of response I've been looking for for a long time. I have these suggestions:

The withholding of p. 139 quites a law-enforcement purpose and "an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." What privacy remains for those names on page 139 when the index to CD 1347 has not been withheld and we can learn all the names on p. 2 139 from it?

What law was being enforced?

What conditions that exist today and permit release of these pages dealing with right-wing extremists who were Hoover's political support did not exist when they were withheld beginning in 1965. Or, conversely, what conditions obtained in 1965 that do not still obtain under the reasons nor clearly spuriously given me for these withholdings?

Specifically with regard to p. 121, what is there on it that ever justified any withholding except uninvestigated suggestions of a conspiracy to kill both JFK and ~~MLK~~ ^{MLK} and to bomb the Birmingham church?

Let them allege any law-enforcement purpose they want. There may have later been law-enforcement uses - not made - but this page can't be separated and given a purpose without the FBI having advance indication of the assassination or to have been following a Birmingham Church lead about which it would have to confess that with leads it was and remains unable to solve the crime. Even when it has a tape that says who did it. We may want to enlarge on this later, separately, not now.

In this case I think they have no leg to stand on - they were covering themselves only.

(The also must have given this to Schweiker, who told me he was hot on it.)

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