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Exemptions claimed; the games the FBI plays

There are two obliterations on the first page of B, the first the name of the agent who prepared the memorandum, the second whatever notations were in the middle of the bottom of the page. (b)(7)(C) is the only one claimed for this and for D on the worksheets, and although (b)(7)(C) is indicated on the top of this page, no exemption is indicated at the bottom.

Because all of this is well within the public domain as the first memorandum says "His receiving substantial mention in the news media" what the FBI managed to omit from its internal paper was in the available newspapers. This is all part of the game-playing the House assassins committee, a game made possible within the Bureau by the withholding of relevant information. The information that is of most importance of what is withheld in this case is where the bullet taken to the Dallas Times-Herald, then to the FBI, was found. There is a note added in double-spaced typing to the single-spaced first page which states only "in the general area of President Kennedy's assassination." Now that would be true of many places but none would be more impossible than for the bullet cative start to be as as found and have figured in the assassination. The reason is that Dick Lester claimed to have found it while playing around with a metal detecter along the railroad tracks to the west of the Texas School Book Depository Building. There is no way in which the bullet could have been used in the assassination shooting and have buried itself underneath the surface around the railroad tracks. The FBI knew this and is careful to omit any of it and then goes through the charade of all sorts of impossible requirements to make laboratory studies and things of that sort.

In this case rather than serving a fictional privacy interest the withholding of the FBI name hides the person who pulled these kinds of dirty tricks.

Serial 9928 is noted as "previously processed."