

JFK assassination records appeals
Records not searched - leaks

H. Weisberg

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*in Garrison *leak of medical records*

In a yesterday's similarly captioned appeal I made reference to the leak of Garrison's Army medical records after the FBI received them.

62-109060-6155, despite its self-serving nature, indicates that the Army suspected the FBI of the leaking (perish the thought!).

Examination of this record, as provided to me, reflects that among the indexing notations there is none for the Army. It simply isn't possible that the FBI arranged not to be able to retrieve this record with an ongoing flap of serious proportions. Thus there should be some other filing. Perhaps what was once again eliminated in the xeroxing ~~instance~~ eliminated this information. However, there also is reference to other records I do not recall seeing.

The record does not reflect, for example, who made the request of the Army or to whom the Army provided copies. If the FBI were the only agency, then there is little doubt about the source of the defamatory leak.

What the colonel could have meant by saying the Army had "more to lose than to gain by continuing the investigation" is not explained by the Liaison agent, but it does not appear to have quieted the paranoid in Hoover, who writes, "It looks as if the Inspector General's (Army) Office is fronting for Garrison."

By discontinuing an investigation in which the FBI was suspect?

There is obvious FBI motive in any withholding.

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6186 is also pertinent. It reports that an anti-Garrison reporter informed the DeLoach operation that Aaron "ohn, former FBI SA and then head of the New Orleans Metropolitan Crime Commission handed the reporter "a Xerox of the complete Army medical file on Garrison."

Memorandum

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

Mr. Tolson	
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Miss Holmes	
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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 2/5/68

FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr.

- 1 - H.P. Leinbaugh
- 1 - R.E. Lenihan
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - P. D. Putnam

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
INVESTIGATION REGARDING JAMES GARRISON

This is to advise of additional questions raised by Lieutenant Colonel Jamie Aiken, Office of the Inspector General, Department of the Army, of Liaison Agent Patrick D. Putnam concerning the leak of Army's psychiatric evaluation of New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison.

Memorandum T. E. Bishop to Mr. DeLoach 1/25/68 informed that representatives of the Office of the Inspector General, Department of the Army, were conducting an investigation concerning the leak of Army's psychiatric evaluation of Garrison. Above memorandum sets forth various questions raised by representatives of the Inspector General's Office of Liaison Agent and it was recommended and approved that the answers to the questions be furnished the Army representatives. This was done.

On 2/1/68 the Liaison Agent met with Colonel Aiken at the request of the Colonel. The Colonel advised that he was continuing in his investigation and had a couple of additional questions he wished to ask. He inquired as to whether or not the Liaison Agent had any objection to being placed under oath. Liaison Agent informed Colonel Aiken that from the standpoint of honesty and truthfulness, there was no objection but that, as a matter of policy, this would necessarily have to be cleared with Liaison Agent's superiors. Colonel Aiken did not pursue this and, as a matter of fact, apologized for even raising this point, pointing out that this was a standard technique in Inspector General's investigations. The Colonel thereupon asked, "Did you release information concerning the psychiatric evaluation of Garrison to the press?" The answer was "No." He then inquired as to the Bureau's interest in Garrison. Colonel Aiken was assured that the FBI did have a legitimate and proper interest in this matter.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

Following the foregoing two questions, Aiken inquired as to whether the Bureau would have any objection to going on record by formal letter in response to these questions. Aiken was informed that there would be no objection but that Liaison Agent could not see what purpose would be served since he already has the answers to the questions. Aiken said that if his superiors felt this was necessary, we would receive a formal request.

Following the raising of the above questions, Aiken apologized for asking these questions, pointing out that since he was assigned the responsibility of investigating this matter and since Liaison Agent had obtained a copy of the psychiatric evaluation of Garrison, he had to make this inquiry.

Chicago, Ill *Freeburg* *James*
Aiken thereupon volunteered that he had, during the course of his investigation, interviewed Freeburg of the "Chicago Tribune" who wrote the article concerning the psychiatric evaluation, as well as District Attorney Garrison. Aiken said that Freeburg admitted nothing during his interview with him and would not go under oath. Aiken also volunteered that Garrison mentioned several individuals whom he thought may have leaked this matter to the press, specifying Bill Curvich, a former investigator for Garrison. Garrison also informed Aiken that he felt the CIA might have been responsible for this leak. According to Aiken, Garrison discounted the FBI as being the source of this leak stating that there was no reason why the FBI would make the leak.

Aiken also volunteered that he was going to recommend to his superiors in the Inspector General's office that this investigation be discontinued on the basis that Army has more to lose than to gain by continuing the investigation.

ACTION:

For information. ✓

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*At least 2 of Inspectors
General's Office is functioning
for Garrison.*