

Harold's notes

JFK and King assassination records appeals  
Withholding the public domain  
Richard Giesbrecht

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Giesbrecht is a phony who fabricated stories to involve himself in both King and JFK assassination investigations.

So that the record would be clear, so that confusion might be eliminated, I notified the FBI immediately when I saw his well-publicized - self-publicized - name being withheld. It has not responded nor did they you when I appealed.

62-109000-6053, from the abstract, reports on the spurious Giesbrecht matter in terms of a National Enquirer interview of him. 0054 is a routing slip with Hoover's note, "Let me have memo on this article re Kennedy assassination, " so you know what was important to the FBI director. The article is included.

The kind of unjustified and unnecessary withholding taints the processing of the important historical records in both cases.

It cannot serve to protect any privacy interest of people like Giesbrecht, but it surely can have the opposite effect and over the years do enormous harm to many innocents because they who examine these records will require a great amount of knowledge and experience before they can come to believe that the FBI would withhold a name like Giesbrecht, with his record, and they will imagine that other names are withheld.