

Robert Hughes files

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Washington, D.C. 20535

8/1/79

Dear Mr. Blenders,

Thank you for the copies of the JFK assassination files of Jim Doyle and Robert Hughes included with your letter of 7/21/79.

However intended your letter is subject to self-serving misuse. Therefore file this so that anyone seeing your letter alone will not be misled as to what you, not in your present position, will be aware.

Your letter does not reflect what is the fact, that you also processed the Doyle file for another and much later request, and only then provided this copy.

Your letter does not reflect the fact that my request is of 1/1/68, which is more than 11 and a half years ago.

Your letter does not reflect the fact that the same request had other parts with which you have not yet complied.

Your letter does not reflect that when your branch refused to respond to my request for an appointment, which you require, for me to examine all JFK assassination pictures I requested copies of all of them. This was more than a year ago and my appeal also has not been acted upon.

You may have no knowledge of it and you may not see letters addressed to you, but I do report that in C.A. 75-196, in 1976 I testified to about 35 requests for JFK records that had not been complied with for periods of time up to over three and a half years. I provided a list of them, later the Court asked to be informed of progress in complying with these long-overdue information requests. Almost all remain totally ignored, except their age and what the Court said.

Mr. Doyle has not told me what you are processing records relating to the late Willie Sumner, largely duplication of what you earlier provided to Ben Christensen. His letter does not state that you are even at this late date responding to my earlier Sumner/Wilson request, for the late recording that includes the 4 weeks against both the President and Dr. King. This is one of those 29 requests of which I provided a list to the FBI and the Department and in which the Court expressed an interest.

You have provided incorrect/deliberate information to the House committee and this has already processed the records involved. Your counsel has assured the Court in C.A. 75-196 that there would be various possible disclosures. The Attorney General has found the assassination to be historical news. I believe it would be appropriate for you to provide so that I may include it in the public archive all relevant information and I do request this.

This matter has assumed more historical importance by the use, to be misused, of it by the committee.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg