

In his book KENNEDY JUSTICE, an appraisal of Robert's career as Attorney General, Victor Navasky also addresses some of these questions (on p. 65). This passage begins with Navasky's passing comment on one of the probable causes of friction with the never-before-pressured Hoover, "Under Robert Kennedy's prodding and with Jack Kennedy's backing, the FBI for the first time effectively entered the fight for civil rights and against organized crime. And immediately upon President Kennedy's assassination, the FBI unilaterally halted the bulk of its diplomatic relations with the Attorney General's office." After itemizing some of what he described as "disruptions" in these "relations" (one of the more relevant being a violation of protocol, ~~and~~ practise, ~~in~~ ^{and the} structure of bureaucracy, "communicating directly with the new President rather than via the Attorney General"), Navasky writes:

"it excluded the Attorney General from its investigations for the Warren Commission (and then prematurely released their findings to the press, in violation of ~~the~~ Chief Justice Warren's orders); and it generally behaved in what Ed Guthman, Robert Kennedy's press secretary, characterizes as 'an unmanly fashion.' Indeed, the very afternoon of the assassination, Jack Miller, the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division, flew to Dallas to take charge, only to be blatantly, rudely and improperly ignored by the FBI."

After leaving it

Guthman was, actually, press office for the Department of Justice. ~~Whazzzazzzzzz~~ there he moved into an executive position with The Los Angeles Times. The quotation is from his We Band of Brothers.

GRS-afterthought: I also had a letter from PH today in which he seems to have referred to this part of Navasky's book, which PH has bought. Would you please send this to him so that, with his greater familiarity with the content of Kennedy Justice, he made be able to suggest whether other passages might be included or cited?