

From the records released only after appeal, those initially withheld, it appears that the FBI actually considered a post-midnight raid on the Atlanta rooming house of Jimmie Delton Garner. Its concerns seems to have been over h"hippies" rather than the reported inherent dangers.

C.L. McGowan wrote Assistant Director Rosen on April 13, 1968 of having instructed Atlanta SAC Hitt to "to send some agents to survey the situation at 113 14th Street, Northeast."

McGowan wrote that "SAC Hitt advised the Bureau at 2:15 a.m. ~~4/11/68~~ that a survey of the neighborhood had been conducted and it would be practically impossible to conduct a raid at this time." It "is a four-storey house with 30 to 40 rooms. It adjoins a house which is approximately the same size. ...in the middle of the 'hippie' section and there is a nightclub next door which is the hangout for the hippies. I ... He stated that as of 1:30 a.m., it was as busy as the middle of the day with about 50 to 100 people milling around the house."

Instead of a search warrant being ordered "SAC Hitt was authorized to use surveillance truck to observe the residence in question."

With no conspiracy and the desperado wanted the FBI could not have used a search warrant? And did it expect to cover all entrances with one surveillance truck?

There is no content of this or the other records that falls within any of the exemptions of the Act. They were withheld to hide what the FBI does and does not do, did and did not do ~~xxxx~~ while investigating the King assassination. (Serial 809)

Two days later (Serial 927) Hitt ~~4~~ wrote Hoover that Garner had promised to notify the Bureau that he would report immediately if Galt returned for his TV. But the FBI, not improperly, had planted agents there: "It is noted that SA _____ is staying at address 113 Fourteenth Street under pretext." (Not an exemption under the Act.)

Actually, there were two agents "in Garner's rooming house ~~xxxx~~ in an undercover capacity," according to a headquarters memorandum, Serial 1293. "One is in Room 2. ~~4/11/68~~ By taking the hinges off the connecting door from Room 2, the Agent examined Room 4." He found Ray's tv and other lead there.

(Serial 1393, a teletype originally suppressed, also refers to the "undercover agents." It says they had been "withdrawn." Serial 2324 reports this operation began April 13 and was still in place four ~~days~~ days later.)

The effort to suppress normal police practise, watching the building, and to suppress the fact of the entry into an adjoining room was long after thorough exposure of actual FBI burglaries. But the FBI is hungup on phoney image considerations. So it violates the law in a futile effort to keep them secret.

FBI-King, pages given me by SA's ~~Karp~~ Jarp and Hartingh 3/4/77 with worksheet attributing to Departmental review said of my appeal. I was charged extra. ^{not}

Serials 10, 439, 497, 501, 614, 622, 644, 666, 716, 717, 733, 756, 772, 786, 809, 927, 999, 1180, 1202, 1293, 1394, 1410, 1555, 1888, 2069, 2130, 2324, 2579(?) 30pp. Described as "with fewer excisions."

Serials 413, 644, 2405, 5 pp. "released for the first time" and I was charged.

Casual examination of the first set indicates other than legislated reasons were the real reasons for the withholding. These range from hiding the planting of FBI agents under pretext in the Garner rooming house to sexist cracks about a woman US.S Commissioner in Memphis to the decision to file the conspiracy charges in B'ham because the USA Attorney in Memphis was not dependable, one of these bearing Hoover's OK. (I have filed no specific appeal on this but it was used in the OPR report, partially.)

414- No page 2 provided.

644- second and last page relates to dead-letter practises at Memphis P.O. and discloses no more than the expectable and normal, FBI access to it and personnel.

2405 - 2 pp. General ~~elivert~~ Atlanta had an HEW envelope forwarded to Galt. FBI got it ~~xxxx~~ and JER's inquiry to Social Security. No reason for initial withholdings.