

King and JFK assassination records appeals
SA names withheld
under (b)(1) and (7) claims

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There came a time when you phoned to discuss the name of an SA you said you were satisfied should be withheld. It was, you said, an exceptional case. Before you could finish I said that had to be the Tampa matter, that while I was entirely without sympathy for the SA who would do such a thing or be part of it, I did have concerns for his family.

This evil thing, for your information, was the Lab's taking a batch of the FBI's tapes of Dr. King and from them creating a single tape that was sent to his wife, with a letter suggesting that only suicide remained for him.

I've often wondered how I knew that of all places this Washington FBI connection had been mailed from Tampa.

How I know: it was disclosed, along with the SA's name, Lish Whitson.

If you ever want the name of the SA in the Lab who created this tape by careful selections from other tapes, that, too, has been disclosed and I can provide it.

At no time and in no factual way has the FBI disputed my representation that the extensive disclosures of FBI names did not lead to harassment and that the real reasons are Cointelproing requesters, intimidating the courts, and trying to avoid embarrassment to the FBI.

If there is any one matter over which harassment might be expected it is over this FBI attempt to drive King to suicide and at least ruin his marriage. Now that I can inform you that the names are disclosed, I ask you to show that there was harassment.