

Dear Gary,

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As promised, I've checked the DL JFK index, for WBAP-TV and James Darnell.

Here is what the cards show. Darnell is listed on one card as Reporter, WBAP-TV in 100-10461-1163 and 625, p. 23 and on another card, just by name, 89-43-1768, pp. 17-3 and 7844, p. 6. These two files are, respectively, the main ~~HEK~~ Oswald and assassination files. There are four cards on the station, the fourth only with the word "film" added: 12/63 100-10461-1823; 3/64, 44-1639-4435, 7/64, 44-1639-5842, 8/64, 44-1639, 5900, p. 53; 3/64, 100-10461- 4867, p. 2 and 5200, p. 328; ~~100-10461-1823~~. There is one entry on the card with the word "film," 7/64, 44-1639-5740. The 44 file is the main DL Ruby file.

I'm not now checking the records themselves because my wife is away and she is the only one who uses our copier because of a special problem we now have with it. When she returns I'll get and check these records and send you anything that may be of interest.

As you can see, these references are limited to 3 main JFK assassination files. Without doubt there are other WBAP-TV records and it is possible that they may hold interesting information, whether or not pertaining to the Darnell film.

As I told you, this special index is limited to records from which FBIHQ provided copies to the WC. The additional main file, on the WC itself, is, oddly, limited to records created after the WC ceased to exist. It is largely the FBI's checking out and grumbling about the Report. I've read it.

I've also checked "Capfield." There is no such card.

If I get time later today I'll do the initial checking. It may be that no record reflects their having the film.

Later. This involved more work than I'd expected because only one of the records is in any DL file. All the others were withheld from the DL records because they were disclosed in FBIHQ records. So, I had to check each DL file, then the pertinent worksheets, then the cross-references I was able to compel them to provide. I'm not giving you the correlations because you'll have all the records except 2, the one that was in the DL file and says only that the WBAP Ruby film was shown at that trial and one they did not provide. 100-10461-625 p. 27 was not "previously processed" and thus was not provided in any FBIHQ file. It also was not provided to me in the DL records. I'm also not copying Serial 1823 from that file because it is nothing but a phone numbers check that includes WBAP, among many.

In one instance I'm sending the entire record because of the refs to other pix.

There are 8 citations under N.T.Fisher, 100-10461-2497, p. 58; 2496, pp. 34, 78; 1555, p. 90 and 4925, p. 6; 44-1639-644, p. 34, 2559, p. 6, 2564 and 5224, p. 46. My foot is complaining so loudly I'll probably not do any more such checking today because it is taking so much time.

Some of your footage apparently was loaned to the WC. This does not mean that FBI DL gave it directly to the WC. It means that DL sent to FBIHQ for WC. It is possible that the FBI made a copy and if given to WC, should be at Archives.

Something has come up. Here are the copies. I'll get back on the search when I can.

Best wishes,