

JL- re FBI 8/24/78 letter on Jerry Lee Miller records 9/2/78

This is really 1996 information so I suggest that you respond by sending a check drawn on the American Security account and charged to 1996, in which case the information is relevant. We also may find some Murkin indications on some of the records, which would have appeals uses.

In response I'd tell them that you want all relevant records, wherever and however filed.

McC. asks for a waiver you cannot provide so I'd tell him you have made the request for two clients, John Ray and me.

In writing remind him that we want nothing that is within the public domain withheld. I'd do this in advance in this case.

I'd also say in advance that you want none of the administrative markings obliterated, that this is relevant in an historical case and such markings have potential historical value which requires them to be made available to your client(s). I suspect that Miller may have been an informer if not an actual informant. I can determine if he was an informant from some of the file designations. (They can eliminate part, the second part, of some numbers and the first will tell me.)

His estimate of cost is based on the usual dodge, FBIHQ Central Files. When they include the field offices from St. Louis to Seattle or Portland and San Diego the cost will be more than twice this great, but assure it in the response to avoid further stalling. What is not of value in those records to me may well to be John. He does not refer to the field offices. He refers to the Identification Division's. Some of the Id. Div.'s records ought be reasonable segregable and some can be provided with excisions, without violating any Miller privacy. Or do you want to take the position that given the nature of the case he is a public figure?

I'm letting Carol know by a carbon. She can tell John when she sees him.