

Dear Jim, Secret Service files on me

12/15/76

In the enclosed correspondence files you will notice correspondence between SS and GSA on my request for the Memo of Transfer. In it you will see the explicit statement of the SS, agency of paramount interest, that they could not withhold this from me. The name of the assistant GSA general counsel is Byron Harding.

Now you know how long I was whipped around on that one.

Rhoads originally withheld it as a record deposited in Archives for safe-keeping by the Kennedy family, for all the world as though the JFK library was not part of Archives or the family had no safe storage.

I then asked for the government's copy and did not get it. Secret Service did give it to me. It was intercepted and rejected by Rhoads. It is now clear there was no basis.

Then it continued to withhold other relevant records.

Once they made a mistake at Archives and send me a carbon, it has a stamp in which they filled in missing blanks. That was my first knowledge that one of the causes for delays in responding to those of my requests that received response was forwarding them to Harding and GSA.

If Ryan wants to produce a GSA lawyer, let us get it on the record and ask that it be Harding on the ground that he has personal knowledge relating to my requests and we have no reason to believe Garfinkle does.

You can have some fun with Harding.

You will also notice in these records that while the official story is the Bobby had the stuff the Secret Service confirms my account that the X-rays had never been out of its possession. I think this was certain with the pictures, too. So it was as I said a transfer from one executive agency to another into which they intruded Bobby for protection and later blame.

Best,