

Dear David,

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As you asked, here is 157-9146-X1. Because it does not mention Vasco Smith as a source I'm also including a record that does, so you'll have all three.

Although X-1 gives the informant file numbers for Mrs. Smith and Turner, Vasco's is missing. According to notes I made when I first examined the records, his is 170-49.

In the event you do not have a copy I'm also enclosing the FBI's file classifications, copied from its publication on its Central Records. It gives "Extremist Informants" as the classification for 170 files.

I've not tried to figure out who the third person is in X-1. Arkin and Vasco are both possible, the latter because the FBI regarded him as a liaison (157-276). However, before this record was generated he had 170-49, which seems to work against that.

The informant contact reports I mentioned should be in these 170 files.

Why not request them and all related records of any kind?

I find myself wondering why these people are suing when there is no real question of fact, truth or even a suggestion of malice.

I guess Vasco is not included because he'd already made public admission, which he justified to the papers.

Good luck!