

Memorandum for the record

2/2/93, 3:20 p.m.

After lunch Chip Selby phoned me. They plan a King assassination segment on Unsolved Mysteries. I'll hear from them again before they come here, in two weeks or less. Chip asked me to be thinking about the mystery of Raoul.

Thinking about that and knowing I have no pictures of him, as I thought of something visual they could use I asked Helen Wilson to get me the box of ~~pictures~~ pictures I had removed from the King file cabinet labelled "PHOTOS" because they are not mine to use and because I did not want anyone in them and asking for what I could not give them. I had moved them myself from that file drawer to an empty one in a different row of file cabinets not related to the King assassination. They are not there. The entire cabinet is empty. They were not replaced in the proper drawer and they are not in any other King file cabinet. Helen searched.

I do have a clear recollection of placing those picture, in a box, envelope or both, in that cabinet. I have no recollection of moving them again—even of looking at them again and I recall nobody ~~be~~ being here working on the King assassination other than the Selby brothers.

Of course others, many others, have been here working unsupervised in the basement files. It is possible that some prowling could have found and taken those pictures. But I am certain nobody saw them or worked on them after telling me he was working on the King assassination.

As of now there seems to be only one possibility—they were stolen.

Some of the pictures were exculpatory.

Some were from the newspaper and wire service files.

I am pretty sure but not 100% sure that the prints of the Louw pictures (Time/Life from FBI) were there. A check can be made if there is an entry on them when I got them under FOIA.

While it may be possible that they are mislaid, that my recollection is wrong. I believe it is not and the most obvious explanation is theft.

After the furnace blowback about a month ago there was a professional cleaning crew here and they did spend much time removing the soot in the cellar. I have no reason to believe they looked inside any file cabinet and I believe there was never a time there was only one there.

Some of these were no longer replacable at the time of the Ray hearings (1973-04) ~~Means~~ these no longer exist. Narrow interest in that! It may be possible that I moved them again but I have no recollection of that and a cursory check does not show it. We'll check more. When I'm ~~clamed~~ a bit I'll try to remember to make a description of those that exculpate.