

To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg, King assassination records appeals 6/23/79  
Reports of \$100,000 for the killing of Dr. King; FBI leaking of the irrelevant  
in the King assassination while not providing full information in  
C.A. 75-1996

Attached 44-38861-6016 is one of a series of records reporting that the father  
of a man whose name (Wehunt) is withheld received repeated reports that a very  
influential businessmen's group had offered \$100,000 to have Dr. King killed.  
Wehunt Sr. obtained his information from a number of prisoners in the Fulton County,  
Georgia jail. Wehunt Jr. provided the information to the FBI months before it was  
leaked to the New York Times. As Junior told the FBI, probably SA John Harting of  
the FODA unit, then assigned to Tampa, it is obvious that the only possible source of  
the leak to the Times was the FBI.

The was long after my request and after the complaint was filed in C.A. 75-1996,  
without any of the information having been provided to me. Some still has not been.

Withholding the name of the Times reporter serves FBI interest, not to protect  
privacy. As a matter of practise the FBI did not withhold the names of reporters and  
editors in the MURKIN processing.

The Times had a group of reporters working of a King assassination-CRD internal  
investigation story. It began with Martin Waldron, who was in Trenton and was kept there  
rather than staying on the story. Waldron wrote an editorial article after the lengthy  
articles written by John Crowdson appeared, about 10 days after 6016. He spent some  
time with me and consulted with me by phone from as far away as California, possessed  
of information still not provided to me from FBI records relating to Ray and a shrink  
he saw in Los Angeles.

CRD and the FBI pumped Crowdson full of what they wanted the Times to print. One  
of Crowdson's contacts in the FBI was Homer Boynton, who according to stories circula-  
ting among Washington reporters, almost got fired when Crowdson disclosed he was a source  
for Crowdson. (The Times transferred Crowdson out of Washington. When I last heard from  
him he was assigned to San Francisco.)

On the one hand the FBI leaks to the Times the name and phone number of a source who told it that he feared for his life and on the other hand it with<sup>holds</sup> the identification from me in a case in court. (With SA Harting supervisor on the case in court.)

No records of any internal investigation of the leaking have been provided in this case. Obviously not. FBIHQ did the leaking and had no need to investigate itself over that leaking.

However, there may have been a sham investigation.

There are also records of outside contacts and of providing information to the press. I believe that in this case they are relevant and I appeal their withholding. That such records are not in MURKIN files is irrelevant. The FBI's leakers have special files, despite its denials to me in this case. The records can be retrieved.

The FBI also saw to it that the House assassins committee received diversionary, misleading and essentially irrelevant reports of a reward from businessmen of \$100,000 for the killing of Dr. King. CRD pretended to be critical of the FBI over such reports. The FBI and CRD have thus made all such reports matters of considerable historical significance. The records provided to me from MURKIN HQ records cannot represent a full FBI investigation of this particular report of such a bounty. I appeal the denial of the remaining records that have not been provided. (Serial 6016 is not all that was provided.)

This matter represent still another FBI manipulation of events and what can be known and is believed. FOIA is intended to enable the people to know what the agencies do and do not do. As I appealed the continuing Byers withholdings, a matter on which you have not yet acted, I also appeal this aspect of the withholding of information relating to FBI propoganda and manipulations relevant to and in a case in court.

