

Background and explanation: About 10/75 I filed an FOIA/PA request with the FBI, and when there was no compliance duplicated and broadened this to include the entire Department in a letter to the Attorney General, in an effort to obtain all Department and Bureau records on or relating to me. There was only partial compliance by FBI, none by some Departmental components, partial compliance by others, and I appealed. There has been no action on the appeals. I believe I have repeated the appeals several times.

Prior to the 1/18/78 FBI releases of JFK records Jim Lesar wrote the AG notifying him of our intention to preserve my rights under PA. There was no response. The records that were released contain records relating to me that I was not permitted to address under the provisions of PA, although I had asked to, together with records I had rebutted in a letter to the FBI during the summer of 1977. Despite the provisions of the Privacy Act the FBI did not accompany its releases with that letter or with appropriate excerpts from it. I believe PA does require this.

Whether or not I interpret PA correctly, it is apparent that the FBI has gone out of its way to defame and thus to undermine the acceptability of the work of all critics of the WC and it and other agencies. It appears to be apparent that it has misused FOIA and these releases to accomplish this ulterior purpose. I have seen the release of utterly irrelevant and highly defamatory records in violation of FOIA, as details of Marina Oswald's personal and sex life. This practise is exactly opposite the FBI's practise in other of my FOIA requests, example on the King assassination, where it has claimed the privacy exemption for a wide variety of exotic misuses, like the names of FBI agents as reported in news stories and court actions.

On 1/31 and 2/1/78 ~~Bill Dick~~ Bill Dick, ~~xxxxxx and Ken~~ an editor of the National Enquirer and a reporter from that paper, Ken Potter, were here to go over the 1/18 releases. They worked alone in the basement, selecting those files for review they wanted to examine. I do not know which they went over. As they went over them they indicated those of which they wanted copies. My wife made these copies for them and a set for me. Their copies are duplicated in a set mailed to Mary Ferrell at their suggestion.

While these men were scanning the records they noted some relating to me. Of these those that they selected relating to me, as noticed in copying, were duplicated in a separate file by Lil. There is now no way of knowing whether the Enquirer reporters by happenstance examined all the Sections that include records relating to me but the odds are strongly against it. There is no way of knowing whether they spotted and marked for copying all records relating to me in the Section they did skim, something like 60 of the hundreds. If Lil did not detect all those these men selected that relate to me before long I think I'll see the others because I will be reviewing all those selected by the Enquirer reporters.

What plan is to address each record separately so that in the end the records and the comments can be arranged in order, by file identification of the FBI and perhaps also if appropriate in chronological sequence, which may have the advantage, in the long run, of reflecting the growth of the FBI's operations against me and/or critics in general.

It is beyond question that when I get into these records as they address my rights under PA they will yield other valuable information. I have seen enough of these records in the past to be certain that they will hold valuable information with regard to the nature of the FBI investigation, its procedures, fact of the assassination itself and the fidelity of Orwellian practise. It may be impossible for me to establish separate files on these subject but I do plan to include comments on such other topics so they can, where not relevant to PA or where relevant, be used to establish separate files. I believe that in PA response I will be doing a rough draft for what can amount to the trying of fact of the JFK assassination in court.

I am also certain that some of these records will include notations of other files that is some or even all cases may not be legible. These can in any event be used for requests for further searches under both PA and FOIA.

"Miscellaneous Information concerning" the JFK assassination seems to include the files on the critics because I have seen HQ and FO files with this caption. The numbers of the files are 62-109060, Assassination of John F. Kennedy; 62-109090, Liaison with Warren Commission; and 105-82555, Lee Harvey Oswald.