

To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg re appeals:

9/17/78

JFK Assassination records
"King"
PA request

Attached is what replaces Serial 859 in FBIHQ #62-109060. It is a "Permanent Serial Charge Out" printed FBI form.

In and of itself this establishes that the FBI permanently removes Serials and places them elsewhere, knows this and knows how to retrieve the original record. I recall no single instance of either the providing of the record thus switched into secrecy or any instance reflecting the proper and required search. I mean this to apply to all cases.

This record also discloses that it is one limited to one such hiding place, "the Special File Room of Records Branch." I recall no single record provided from this "Special File Room" and no single record reporting any search in any case of this known hiding place.

It appears not to be unreasonable to presume that this room is not limited to "June" records while including them because the "JUNE MAIL" entry is typed in rather than being part of the printed form. (I find myself wondering if some of the records not provided in other cases, like my C.A. 75-226, are stored here.)

This, of course, raises questions relating to many other surveillances, relevant in each of the above subjects.

I note there is no claim to any exemption, including none to privacy.

I believe there should be a special search of this and any other such place that turns up in order to ascertain whether it holds what is relevant to any of my requests. By this I mean to include not only the listed subjects but each of the many requests with which the FBI has not complied/going back more than a decade.

I also believe that an unequivocal and first-person affidavit should be provided after the search in which the records searched and the requests addressed are stated. Although the Department's counsel do not provide you with copies of court records, including copies of FBI and other affidavits, by now I believe that you are becoming aware of the wasted cost and other consequences of the policy of providing other than first person and other than unequivocal affidavits.