

1448 affidavit

Dear Jim,

1/17/80

Late this afternoon Rae came across a misfiled Archives file, all CIA stuff. It is diametrically opposite the CIA's affidavits in 1448 and was cleared for release to me by the CIA. The kinds of passages the CIA claims have to be withheld are marked for consideration of withholding and were disclosed, some even marked "OK." It includes questions about Nosenko's dependability. The same file holds carbon of my letters informing the Archives that at least one KGB defector (Beribin) was well known publicly. I also informed it that the CIA had disclosed the defector's report I used as an attachment to my recent affidavit. With regard to the 1/21 transcript the use of defectors also is disclosed. The file includes the Archives letter to the CIA and the CIA's response!

I can see ways of using this for Mark and I'd like to be able to get it before Robinson in 1448.

Here the CIA approved disclosing of what it swore had to be withheld in 1997, in this case relating Mexico and CIA and FBI operations there and the cooperation of the Mexican government.

In one case, having to do with Mossako's credibility, there is written in "delete?" and it was disclosed!

As I went through this file I placed paperclips of the pertinent pages in the event you want to use these or have me do an affidavit including them.

Briggs was the authority. Didn't he provide the 1997 affidavit?

The underlying records are those of the Commission, mostly the long Coleman-Slawson memo on Oswald's foreign travels. These are pages that were originally withheld. They were disclosed to me in response to my appeal.

I read the two CIA affidavits you sent relating to Mark's case, Owen's of 1/9/79 and the recent one. But the record itself was not included. I'll need it for an affidavit for Mark because I think I'll be able to show that what they withheld and now disclose was within the public domain when they withheld it. I've written Hoch, copy to Mark Allen, about this.

Best,