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Honorable Bella S. Abzug  
Chairwoman  
Government Information and Individual  
Rights Subcommittee of the Committee  
on Government Operations  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Abzug:

This is in further reference to your October 22, and October 24, 1975, letters to Director Kelley, requesting certain Bureau records and information on Lee Harvey Oswald and other related matters.

A number of Congressional Committees have made similar requests. The Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights of the House Judiciary Committee, the House Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence have all requested information, documents, and interviews pertaining to the Oswald matter. On October 21, 1975, Mr. James B. Adams, Deputy Associate Director of the Bureau, testified on this matter before the House Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, and Bureau officials expect to testify again on this matter in the immediate future before that same Committee. Until this Subcommittee completes its investigation, the Department must respectfully decline to make available the material requested in your letters, other than the attached memoranda. After the completion of this investigation, the Department will make available summaries of the details of the Department's investigation into the Oswald matter.

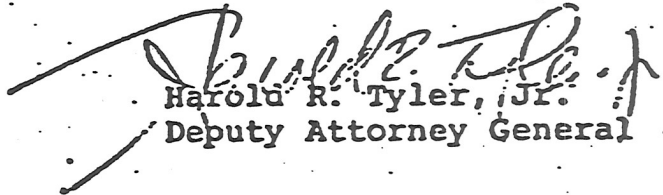
Assistant Attorney General Richard L. Thornburgh and I have reviewed the Criminal Division's investigation in this case and have concluded that it is not an appropriate case for criminal prosecution. I have attached our memoranda briefly setting forth our reasons for declining prosecution.

cc: Paul Daly (attn: Hotis)

It should be emphasized that the Department intends to disclose fully the pertinent facts concerning the Oswald matter, but uncoordinated and repetitive disclosure to a number of Congressional Committees would not, in my judgment, serve any useful purpose.

Please do not hesitate to call on this office for any further assistance.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Attorney General