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Mr. Gene F. Wilson
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

Thank you for your letter of March 9, and the accompanying copies of CIA documents relating to the Kennedy assassination. I appreciate the prompt attention you gave to my request.

I am hereby making a formal request under the Freedom of Information Act for all CIA material submitted to the Rockefeller Commission in connection with the allegations made in my memo of March 24, 1975, concerning CIA activities and the Warren Commission investigation. The documents you have just sent me indicate that some attention was given to this memo after I submitted it to the Commission. However, no substantive response to the points I raised was made in the Commission's report or in the just-released material.

Specifically, the second page of your item number 450 (enclosed) indicates that information on the analysis of the Zapruder film was submitted to the Commission at some time before May 8, 1975 "in connection with our comments on the Hoch memorandum." I am particularly interested in the submission to the Rockefeller Commission referred to here, which may have been a response to my entire memo. My request is not limited to this one document, of course, but I would appreciate a prompt decision on it before you take the time for a thorough search for other material covered by my request.

I would also like to have a copy of your item 448 (enclosed) with fewer deletions. I have no objection to the release of my name in connection with this memo, e.g. in paragraph 1 of this item. The memo in question has now been published, so there is no reason to withhold any of the information in it. (See pages 460-495 of "The Assassinations: Dallas and Beyond," edited by Peter Dale Scott, myself, and Russell Stetler, and published by Random House.)

With regard to the deleted information in paragraph 3: I did not recommend that any CIA official not get directly involved in the Rockefeller Commission's investigation of the Kennedy assassination. I did suggest that David W. Belin, the Commission's Executive Director, should not be the principal investigator in this area, for the reasons indicated. Thus, there is no point in deleting Mr. Belin's name here. Also, Mr. Belin has told me that he turned this area over to Mr. Robert B. Olsen, one of the Commission's Senior Counsel. If, as appears to be the case, Mr. Olsen's name appears in paragraph 4, there seems to be no need to delete his name.

Of course, I would appreciate an explanation for the replacement of Mr. Belin's name in paragraph 3 by the words "Agency official." As it stands, the document which you have released alleges that Mr. Belin and Mr. Olsen were CIA officials. I trust that you will agree that an on-the-record confirmation or denial, and an explanation, are called for.

Since I anticipate some press interest in this matter (and possibly some Congressional interest), I would like some response as soon as possible. You may want to call me at (415) 845-4669 after 10:00 a.m. your time.

Sincerely yours,

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