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Dear Mr. Wilson:

By letter of 8 June 1976, I submitted a FOIA request for all records relating to the interception of the mail of Lee Harvey Oswald and his wife. Your letter of 25 June 1976 indicated that you had started processing this request. I have not received any records pursuant to this request, nor has there been any denial. Since your general review of assassination material has been continuing, I have not pressed you on this request.

Edward Jay Epstein has recently made some interesting claims about the CIA's interception of Oswald's mail. His book, Legend: The Secret World of Lee Harvey Oswald, is very ambiguous about sources, but he did get quite a bit of information from former members of the CIA's counterintelligence staff. He has specified three pre-assassination interceptions:

- (1) The CIA allegedly intercepted CE 295, a strongly anti-U.S. letter of November 26, 1959 from Oswald to his brother. [Legend, p. 103]
- (2) Angleton's staff noted that Marina Oswald had received a letter from Ella Soboleva, tentatively identified before the assassination as the daughter of a suspected KGB agent. [Legend, p. 169]
- (3) The CIA intercepted a letter from Oswald to his brother in which he mentioned having seen Francis Gary Powers in Moscow. [New York Magazine, 27 Feb 1978, p. 30; see CE 315]

From what I know, this information was not given to the FBI before the assassination or to the Warren Commission after it, or even to the Abzug Subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee in 1976.

If Epstein's allegations are true, the serious implication is that James Angleton and his staff might have suppressed their pre-assassination knowledge of Oswald, even from the rest of the CIA.

Therefore, I would appreciate your prompt attention to this old request.

On February 14, you indicated that the final batch of assassination documents would be ready for release within two months. Since this batch will include documents relating to my work which I requested almost two years ago, and since I expect considerable press interest in this batch, I would appreciate knowing as soon as possible how many pages are involved, and what the cost will be.

Sincerely yours,
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