

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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Paul L. Hoch
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Dear Mr. Hoch:

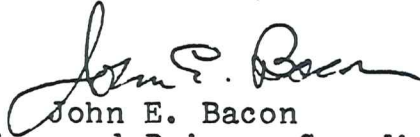
We apologize for this delayed acknowledgement of your 4 January 1982 letter to the Information Review Committee which we received on 12 January 1982. This letter constituted an appeal based upon our failure to make a timely response to various Freedom of Information requests which you have presented to this Agency over the past years for documents relating to the assassination of John F. Kennedy. Accordingly, arrangements will be made for consideration of your appeal by the IRC, and you will be advised of the outcome as soon as possible.

We appreciate the clarity with which you outlined the scope of the material to which this appeal is addressed. While the "final batch" of documents relating to the assassination is still undergoing review and indexing, we do agree with your assessment that it will include CIA documents originally numbered 1004 through 1129, CIA material provided to the Rockefeller Commission pursuant to allegations made in your 24 March 1975 memo to that Commission, and records relating to the interception of mail to or from Lee Harvey Oswald or his wife. If these latter three categories of information should not be included in the "final batch" as assembled, they will be addressed in our response to your appeal.

We also wish to acknowledge your 4 January 1982 letter to me which enclosed a copy of your appeal. We appreciate your calling our attention to your records which indicate that you have a credit balance of \$51.40 for documents prior to your receipt of "batch F", that you made separate and additional payment for documents subsequently released as "batch F," and that your current account for these documents should reflect a credit balance of \$51.40. We will check our records of payments made and documents released as soon as possible, and will let you know if they show any discrepancy.

With respect to the processing of your appeal, as you may be aware, we have a backlog of approximately 225 appeals. To provide our appellants with the most equitable treatment possible, we have adopted the policy of handling appeals on a first-received, first-out basis. Please be assured, however, that your appeal will be completed as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John E. Bacon".

John E. Bacon
Information and Privacy Coordinator