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Dear Mark,

On page 2 of the enclosed letter I wrote CIA today I refer to withheld Oswald/Mexico information. This relates to one of the appeals in the Dallas case. An oft-repeated appeal that remains ignored.

A Hoover letter disclosed to another requester states that FBI agents who knew what Oswald looked like and were familiar with his voice looked at the CIA's Mexico City pictures allegedly of Oswald and listened to a tape or tapes of his intercepted conversation(s) with I think the Russians and said it was not Oswald. Hoover's letter is not unequivocal. It does not state, for example, that the voice is not Oswalds's. Then SA, later Congressman Eldon Rudd is the FBI agent who, in a Navy plane I can identify, flew this CIA information to Dallas immediately after the assassination. He was met by SA Wallace Heitman a little after midnight or not much more than 12 hours after the assassination, was driven to the FBI office, and the pictures and tapes were examined and listened to, after which Dallas sent a teletype or radiogram to FBIHQ. FBIHQ almost immediately asked for a transcript and it was sent. The teletype or radiogram and the transcript and any and all other relevant records remain withheld. My appeals include as attachments all the records I refer to and seek what was withheld. Among other things, Phillips' deposition testimony establishes the existence of CIA transcripts and an inside source on Oswald in the Cuban embassy, also withheld without any claim to exemption.

What it amounts to is that everything has been disclosed officially except the content of the conversation(s), and I can't think of any appropriate exemption for that withholding. I don't know of anyone working in the field who does not regard this as significant information, whatever it says or means.

I enclose the two memos I mentioned earlier, addressing what might come up at oral argument. If you think of anything you'd like to be prepared for, please let me know.

In my letter to the CIA I refer to proof of how the CIA got higher authority (It was General Counsel Warner) to lie to me. Your associate, Mr. Adler, has a copy. I'm inclined to believe that he was misled and misrepresented to because the withheld information includes interference with my publishing, at least in part through E. Howard Hunt. It was not until during the Watergate scandal (at which this did not become public) that in checking on Hunt I discovered that he used as a CIA cover address during the time in question the office of the agents to ~~which~~ whom the Saturday Evening Post had sent me when it was considering serialization of my first book. The firm of agents was Littauer and Wilkinson, then at 500 Fifth Ave. I dealt with Max Wilkinson who, after read the ms, told me he'd be happy to represent me. Only it turned out that he backed off and that he was also Hunt's agent when Hunt was CIA and writing spook novels. It also turns out that there was a Littauer Foundation that was a CIA front. I was never able to get to New York thereafter and try to connect the literary agent Littauer with the foundation, if there is such a connection.

P.S. It also is virtually certain that the CIA has relevant records after my book was read at Praeger's, a CIA publisher.

Best wishes,

Harold

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