#### AFFIDAVIT OF PLAINTIFF MAROLD VEISDE G

1/ 1/x an a former reporter, investigative reporter, Senate investigator and editor, author of six books on the investigations of the assassinations of Presi ent "ohn F. Kennedy and one book on thouse the investigations of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unlike the others known as "crifics" of these official investigations, I am not a conspiracy theorist, pursue no whodunits and alone have made a definitive study of the workings of the basic institutions of our society in those times of great two decades of experience stress and since then. In this I have considerable experience in Freedom of Infonation-Act requests and litigation with defendant Department of Justice and its various components averzazperiadxofxmaraximmximadacadaxx It is my consistent experience, contrary to the allegations and thrust of defendants deply of December 19.1986, which I address in this affidavit, that the defendant never responds to my information requests unless I file suit and then, without a single exception in any of my many lawsuits, it stonewalls until that is no longer possible and never fails to misrepresent. The extent and extremities of these misrepresentations vary from court to court, judge to judge, and are practised in this instant cause. They are, as I detail below, basic to this Reply, including its attached becember 19, 1986 declaration of FBI SA DavidH. Cook who, under decisions in this circuit with wh which I am familiar by now am unable to search for a quote, is not even the proper person to provide such an attestation. / B defendants

truth in their order of a pearance, for the court's better understanding I begin with Marky's defendants prejudical and nonaccidental disrepresentation that I stood "by idly and then rush(ed) to Court just as the statute of limitations is about to run." (page 6)

This misrepresentation, known to be a misrepresentation to the Department, the office of the United States Attorney and the FBI, is given more importance on the fitter (interest) previous page with defendants misrepresentation of August 28, 1980, Four days after I wrote this letter I was admitted to Georgetown University "ospi al, where two

- 2. There has not been a minute since the 1974 amending of the Freedom of Information Act when I have not been in litigation with involving the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the office of the United States Attorney and thus subject matter. The legislative his cory of the amending of the investigatory files exemption of the Act establishes that one of my earlier FOIA lawsuits led to the amending of this exemption and the opening of the files of the FBI and other agencies to the disclosure of "dirty linen" secrets like the FBI's Cointelpro operations. I base this affidavit on this extensive personal experience.
- 4. To reflect that deliberate noncompliance with and then the stonewalling of IB detendant's my requests is the stated official policy with regard to my requests I attach as Just My Exhibit 1) pages from the published (1977 hearings of the Senate's FOIA subcommittee, of which I was entirely unaware and with which I had no connection of any kind. One Department representative, the director of FOIA appeals, testified that thexactive zozdaminitizmanuaskindafansibles he could not and would not attempt to defend the FBI's conduct with me. Deputy Assistant Attorney General Shaffer acknowledged "assured" the Senate, that I do "have reason to complain" and he provised supported by the chief of FOIA litigation, Ars. Lynne Zusman, that " the Department is going to try to do domething about his requests." The FBI's Inspector-general/ assistant director/FOIPA head was present and remained silent. Doing "so ethhing" did not include responding, even at that very late date, to those ignored 25 information requests. It did include the prompt organization of what was known as the "get Weisberg" crew of six Department on Junuar, 16, 1975 lawyers all of whom were present before this court a few mee months later in my C.A. Tox 77-2155 and Mrs. Zusman's zazkingzanaihanzzauni coup the month after her testimony in which she talked another court into having me act as the defendant's consultant in my King FOIA suit referred to. Mrs. Zusman promised that court and my "441111111" counsel that I would be paid the going consultant rate and later, when I wasn't paid at all (and still have not been), in attesting to that same court that there

there was no contract because she did not have authority — even though she had carried out

watedxem Hr. Shaffer's instructions to her. Her promise to my counsel was made by

phone the Sunday night before the Honday hearing before this court in my C.A. 7%—

2155. (I did file a book—length consultancy report and it was promptly ignored by the

VBI and the Civil Division.) The misrepresentations to and misleading of the Senate

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rather than asking my counsel to argue as a sign of my own good faith and as an indication of the seriousness and importance I attach to representations ande to a court by anyone, more by the executive agencies which, I believe, can undermine the constitutional independence of the judiciary by misleading and misrepresenting.

and that 1975 lawsuit, filed after a series of requests going back to 1969, is not yet over.

This was the recommendation of two different FBI special agents both of whom used the word "stop." Their recommendation was approved up to and including Director J. Edgar Hoover.

obstructions in my left femoral artery were diagnosed. I was operated on, a left compliations and femoral bypass was installed, this was followed by two emergency operations, the second not uncommonly fatal, and I have since and forever will be severely limited in what I can do. I am able to walk short distances only, may not stand still at all, have difficulty bending over and with stairs, which are, in addition, potentially dangerous to me, must sit with my legs elevated and then for not more than about 20 the glagth fittine driving my car is not unsafe for me minutes at a time, and beginning with prescribed therapy taking three hours every morning now am instructed to spend five hours daily doing what is necessary for my and willial survival. It thus is not only obvious but was well known to the defendant that I did not merely "stand by idly." I jet was not able to do anything and when my attorney James H. Lesar, found time to file suit pursuant to one of the many FOIA request this defendant always stonewalls, he selected one he considered would take their lot be turn least time, as this one should have and would have were it not for defendant's 07: 2 per fierce determaination to "stop" me and my writing, a desision and in 1967 on the recommendation of two different FBI special agents and approved up to and including

Birocter J. Wagar Hoever, There is not and cannot be any question about defendant's with with with which with which with the knowledge because in response to other such slurring in other litigation I provided copies of all my hospital bills and those of my family doctor, together with a complete and detailed medical history, under goth and subject to the penalties of perjury. Bearing on defendant's practises with regard to me in FOIA litigation and concern for the truth and informing the courts honestly, in that very lawsuit and after I provided all that information, defendants told the appeals court that I had asserted a Sex Svengali-like information over Mr. Lesar justifying having him disbarred and that the district court had "closely observed" this throughout that litigation - in which I was never once before it with him, when that was a physical impossibility and when the transcripts reflect that I was never once present.

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J. Defendants correctly paraghrase their letterr to me of July 1, 1980 (Ethibi73),

which begins with a utter irrelevancy intended to be prejudicial and also is

less than honest in what it on its in recounting that the epartment had granted me

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desired to, the specifically limited decision by this court in my C.A. 77-2155. I never mentioned it in this matter litigated or in any other matter so there is no reason consistent with honesty of intentions or desire not to deceive and mislead the courts for defendants to begin their cited letter by stating, "(o)n Judy 16. 1978, United States District Court Judge Gerhard Gesell ordefed" the FBI to provide me with copies of those records scheduled for release two days later, andhaving nothing at all to no with the litigated requirest of more than two years later. Defiendants then state what also is irrelevant, that this court's decision "was specific as to scope" and that my litigated request is "Of for material which you believe us related to the assassinations and for which you believe fees also should be waived."

FBI had informed me that this court's decision "could not extend" further. The Gourt can decide for itself why defendants misstate to it. I point out that they did and that this, too, could not be a mere careless accident. My request, and attached to defendant's Motion for Summary Judgement, makes no mention at all of any fee waiver. The reason I made no such mention is obvious and underscores whatever defendant's purposes were in presception. The rason is that the Department had already granted me an inclusive fee waiver, as the FBI and the Department and its counsel knew very well.

9. Only because of the untruthful representation that I had invoked this court's earlier decision could defendants's Motion state, after selective further quotation of the FBI's July 1, 1980 letter to me, that the "epartment's regulations require either a promise to pay fees" or, prtending that it did not exist, "determination to waive fees before the request is deemed to received." This omits that the regulations

those regulations also require the regulations also require the require to provide both an estimate of the total cost and the amount of deposit it will require. It was did.

10. Although I am not aware that an FBI branch chief has the authority to nullify a decision by the Deputy Attorney General of the United States, who granted me the inclusive fee waiver, I did not then argue this to the FBI in my response of July 29 (Deput) it 4) the misrepresentation of which is indispensible to to refendant's reply. I began

by stating my interpretation that the forwarderward the FBI had revoked the fee waiver. Instead I to was quit aposition in limiting myself to Item 7 of the orginal

the deliberate and permeating misrepresentation of the Repl y, that I had dropped the merely elimiated part of what was requested in tem 7 rest of the 12-item request, I unusladed by slatter and stated that would pay the that sixted without are gard to sought in the more restricted tem 7. This is responsive to what the FBI had written me and this becomes apparent in reading that for further that would pay the defendant's own formsentation of what the FBI had written me, indented on page 2, that "processing ...is being suspended until you indicate those requests or parts of requests for which you are willing to pay." I responded to this and only to this

and I could not have been more specific, I was then willing to pay for restricted Item 7. I did no more and there is no basis in fact for the claim that I eliminated the entire request except for Item 7, which the Reply states at several points and is basic to it. The other items involved unknown costs and the question of the existence of the fee waiter. I am clear on having several prone conversations with the then director of appeals from my hospital bed but I cannot state with certainty that this matter was included in those conversations. I can, however, state with certainty that as soon as It was possible for me after I was out of the hospital I did appeal the FEI flunky's abrogation of the inclusive fee waiver granted by the Department's second in command and I state without equivocation that since then I have not been charged for a single record by the Department or the FEI and this includes relating to both assassinations and their investigations.

// β. The Reply fabriactes what is not true, that in responding to the FBI on what I then was willing to pay for (when it had not provided the required cost estimates), where I "expressly restricted my (his) request to tem 7." I do not do this even by implication in responding to the FBI's statement that  $^{
m I}$  must specify "the parts" of the request I am willing to pay for when I had received a full fee waiver that as of this the time of the filing of the Reply was still being beerved by the defendants and Leratianly did not do it "expressly" when the dictionery meaning of "expressly" is " in an express manner; explicitly; for the express purpose; specially" (random House Unabridged) and Weith definithtely stated intent or application; in direct terms; pkainly" (Funk & Wagnall!s). When I make no reference at all to anything other recives in hiply  $\pm^k$ s obviously misrepresents to this Court. (In the than paying for ptem 7 defends footnote on this page the detendant's represents that eliminating the rest of my request is "precisely" what I wrote them on July 29, the letter that, like all my other letters, makes no reference at all to the rest of the request, which I was leaving the fee waiver, and Laprain this regard was specific in reserving my right to recover what  $^{
m I}$  paid for any 4tem 7 records.) # Here by inference ("retroactivly revise") and specifically on page state that 🗃 saying no more than that I would pay for the Item 7 records Ixwaxx makingxayillx another "atill another instance of retroactive expansion of a request" by me, cited to an earlier of my sufis against this defendant, 705 F 2d 1344, 1354 n. 12 (D.C. Cir. 1983)). There are several such citations and not having the cated sources I cannot be centain what those 1983 abd 1984 appela court decisions are. I do know, howver, that I did not expand upon the requests that went up on appeal and that by the kinds of misrepresentations practised in this and in all my other FOIA cases the courts were deceived and misled. In the 1983 decision the appea,s cort was misled into believing that I was exapnding my request for the results of the spectrographic and nuclear activation testing in the JFK assassination investigating to/include the President's clothing when it is a specific item of the first request: (In both

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which I refiled and amended after the 1984 amending of the Act. Internal FBI records disclosed to me are specific in this regard. While I am not now able to toutest search for an locate the request itself I recently did find an FBI internal record and cited it to the appeals court in Mar my brief in Nos. 86-5289,5290 which states misled into believing. the exact opposite of what that court had been led to believe. It is the FBI's legal counsel's memorandum. file 62-109060-7118 and states that my request is for "records concerning the results of spectrographic ahalysis of bullets, bullet f feagments, garments and other objects." (emphasis added) If as I beleieve, the second case cited is my combined C.A.s 78-0322/0420, misleading the appeals court into believeing that I was exapnding on my requests when was no was child's play for the defendant who, citing from the same page of the same brief, "represent that the entime request is half of its inttoductory sentence only and that the actual request, the two paragraphs that follow, does not exist." Thus, all I had to do was ask to be provided what I actually requested and I was immediately accused of "expanding" in the actual request and the appeals court believed it.

9. I have not expanded my requests and it is not necessary to expand inclusive requests, which are the nature of the requests before the appeals court, and in the timestander saying I would pay for "tem 7 and making no reference to t e other 11 itmes of my request "was hardly expanding upon it not was I leaving it to the FBI to "devine" my intentions, which the Replu states on page 3.

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Office of Information and Privacy Appeals of the Department of Justice."

Appeals from FBI denials and withholdings are not, under the regulation, to the

FBI and they are, under the regulations, properly addressed to OIP's appeals office.

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That I did not abandon my 12-item request is stated in my letter of July 29 18, 1980 and is amplified in my letter of a month later. Rather than abandoning the full request I distinguish between it and what I was willing to then pay for in order to receive those records without further FBI stonewalling. I state that the "(t)he entire request pertains to the FBI's general releases pertaining to the assassination of fresident Kennedy. The quoted item pertains to any duplicate, public deposits of copies, if any." (Emphasis added) Exfertantianzesex emitted and the state of t

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13 12. The Reply complains about my counsel's interpretation of my letter of xmtxx August 1 28 letter, which Mr. Lesar did not have and found in my basement files. The Reply misrepresents that letter in representing that it I was only "criticizing the FBI for describing the request as one for documents pertaining to the assassination, rather than for documents pertaining to the release of assassination records." (emphasis in Reply)

defendants now seek to foist off on this court, that I abandoned all but Item 7. What I actually say is the exact opposite of abandonment of the request when I corrected (at 'uly 29, 1980) the FBI's dating and description of my actual request: "My request, as the FBI knows very well, is of earlier date, the newest repetition of it being 5/22/80." Without denial, this states that I twice made the request before the time stated by the FBI and quite the opposite of reflecting abandonment of it, a refer to it in the present tense at several points.

The reason for distinguishing between my actual request and assassination an effort records is stated explicitly, (to keep the FBI from stonewalling by putting it at the bottom of the backlog of project assassination requests when this request does not

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Aeek assassinatuon rejords or require the time and effort of those in the FBI' with expertise on that subject, the dodge I correctly predicted it would resort to after I was able to file suit.

16. Mr. wesar did not have a copy of my august 28, 1980 letter to the FEI and he therefore could not have filed it earlier than he did. However, defendants did withheld it have a copy of it and they maittankitxfrom their Answer. Had they not done this it is obvious they could not have misrepresented to this court that I had abandoned all of this request object them I tem 7. They also would have discloved my reason for offering to pay for the stem 7 record and for not abandoning the rest of my request, which I described as "this newest of your dirty tricks." Consistent with the fact that my study is of how our institutuous worked I began this paragraph by stating that "(t)he apparent purpose of these newest of your shenanigans is to hide the fact that the FBI // Add (with) not fewer than six Department lawyers, tried unsuccessfully to deceive and mislead Judge Gesell and to defraud me (and the country through me) in C.A. 77-2155. . . . informed Judge Gesell that it was making deposits of its general releases throughout the country. It is to this that my instant (emphasis added) request ppertains, not the assassination."

17. In C.A. 77-2155 Department counsel stated to this court that there would be these multiple deposits, which is prevent proven to be false in the records disclosed (fenednats make in the Blakey case that I have read. (Therexis repeated reference to the Blakey case in this instant cause without reference to what I here fite from it.) He was specific in stating that one of these deposits would be in the Library of Congress. Consistent with the intent to continue to midrepresent to this court and to hide defendant's earlier misrepresentation to this court is the selection of records provided to it by defendants. Exhibit G to the Lewellen declaration attached to the Motion for Summary Judge is a request for those records from the Library of Congress, with notations indicating what was delivered and the Library's receipt for them. (Exhibit 6) However, there is the evaluable their as a permanent deposit.

18. The declaration of SA/FOIA supervisor on N. Phillips also attached to the Defendant's Notion for Summary Judgement, filed in the Blakey case, admits that those records were, rather than for deposit, and for general access rather "to assist the House Select committee on Assassinations." In this SA Phillips, about whom more appears below, was partly truthful, and that is at least as good as his record in FOIA litigation of which I have considerable personal knowledge. SA Phillips was carefyl not to inform tyat court that the records did not remain with the Library of Congress, which is defendants assurance to this coirt in my earlier case. This oversight, if that is what it is, did not trouble FBI SA/FOIA Supervisor David H. Cook, whose declaration is attached to the "eply, or the FBI employee who had the personal knowledge to which SA Cook makes no claim, SA Cook explains defendant's resort to one who has no personal knowledge, himself, by stating that he consulted with another employee: "T" existence of the Library of Congress request was previously known to this employee." (page 2)

19. Aside from the fact that "this employee" has first-person knowledge and didamntaprovide defendant avoided providing his personal attestation and substituted SA Cook, who did not claim personal knowledge, what this serves to hide from this court and most certainly is known to defendant and at least some of these employees is the fact that once that House investigation was over the FBI took those records back from the Library, the exact opposite of thier assurances to this court in my earlier case and what I was getting at in my information request. And if that is not sufficiently the exact opposite of that asurance to this court and the exact opposite of the cost figures heaped upon it what then happened ought be: the FBI destroyed those copies!

It was compelled to admit this in the Blakey case.

20. Although I did not know this when I filed my request, I was certain that the FBI did not intend to paper the nation with records I was certain could be seriously embarrassing to it, as they have since been. Thus, when the FBI had failed to notify me of either the costs or the amount of the deposit it would require and with

The partment not acted on, in stating that I would pay the cost of the Item 7 records in my seriously misrepresented letter of July 29, I stated, and I also ask the court to note that I continue to refer to the entire request in the first person: "(t)he entire request pertains to the general releases pertaining to the assassination of President Kennedy. The quoted item pertains to the any duplicate any duplicate public deposits of copies, if any. "(emphasis added)

"21. And it is when the FBI rrsponded to this by falsely pretending that it was a new request in their lett its letter of august 26, Mcx which begins, "(T (t)his is to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated july 29, 1980," that I wrote it was by return mail accusing it of dirty tricks and new shenanigans in my letter that it chose not to attach to its Answer.

22. If not earlier, at the latest when it received my letter of August 28 the FBI knew very well that what it noe seeks to foist off on this Court was false.

May letter is quite \*\*epsex\*fic pointed on this, unless alleging it was engaging in firty tricks and shenanigans is not pointed in FOIA correspondence.

SA Thomas H. Bresson, 23. The since promoted chief of the FBI's FOLA branch (and just about all of those who have stonewalled me and misrepresented to the courts have been promoted, in one instance a clerk becoming a special agent) has a side expertise in these matters. In other litigation to which I refer elsewhere in this affidavit, the refiled suit over which the Congress amended the investigatory files exemption, SA Bresson attested that I had amended my and added to my earlier request merely because I did not want that I added after the Act was amended. This helped that case stay before the courts for quite a few years, ijcluding several trips to the appeals court. All the misrepresentation defendants present to this court in this litigation stems from his deliberate misrepresentation, that on July 29, 1980, I filed a new FOIA request.

24. There now is, as a dr direct result of these misrepresentations in this instant cause, a clear record before it that the defendants did, as I state in my August 28 letter, undertake earlier to "deceive and mislead" it and to "flefraud" it and me.

I regard this as a very serious matter, as it relates to the earlier litigation and as it relates to this instant cause. This is one of the reasons I elect, despite the burden it is for me now, to provide what I have to say subject to the penalties of perjury - and I dare defendants to try and refute what I say also subject to the penalties of perjury. Should this Court or defendants want to examine me under out I will arrange transportation because I am not able to drive to Washington but with require because it would be provided by one not familiar with Washington and because I can walk only short distances parking near the courthoise would be needed. Because I cannot stand more than momentarily, I would have to sit in my wheelchair with a leg elevated and thus would not be at the microphone and I should be penil permitted to walk the length of the courtroon once or twice every 20 minutes or so. If either this Court or defendant has any question about my truthfulness or accuracy I am willing to testify and be cross examined.

25. SA Bresson's trickery in his letter of August 26, addressed above, is in one form or another pretty much boilerplated in all my FOIA litigation and several coirts, including the appeals court, have been deceived and misled thereby. Two such instances are cited in the reply. Its recasting of kkexhoide this boilerplate, based on the Bresson fabrication and nothing else, a fabrication that is apparent in defendant's the misrepresentation of the my letters and therefore not accidental, is that I "retroactively revise" my request; straight boi boilerplate from other cases, "expand the request;" and that my counsel is like an accordion (in seeking) to expand what Hr. Weisberg had contracted (sic) by his uly 29, 1980 letter." In support of these fabrications the areply cites two of my cases in which by such disrepresentations other courts were misled. I do not have the versions of those decisions cited and thus cannot retrieve them but I believe I understand which they are and I do state with no equivocation that the defendant did mislead the other courts and thus procured the kinds of decisions that could thereafter be laid upin other courts with immune dishonest. KELATCOMOKNEE "Another instance of retroactive expansion of a request" ( )apeg 7) is cited to my suit against the epartment, 705 F.2d 1344, 1354 n. 12 (D.C.

Cir. 1983). I believe this is thee case in which Bresson got away with attesting that I had refiled the requestive with the suit over which the investigatory existence of which files exemption was amended to include information that the FBI had kept secret and had not provided to the Warren Commission only because I did not want this information and therefore the FBI had not provided it. The falsely alleged "expansion" of that requests supposedly consisted of my request for what the FBI had and withheld, the results of a test ordered on, as it happens, what also was earlier before this court when I (alas!) was pro se, on President Kennedy's shirt collar. I now am not able to search for an provide the FET's copy of my original request or the FBI's correct interpretation of what I sought in refiling that lawsuit, also disclosed to me by the FBI, but after the deceision cited I sent copies of both to Mr. Lesar and he may be able to provide them. In the recent past, however, L did come upon and recently used in washerxusurt a brief in Nos. 86-5289, 5290, the FBI's legal counsel relevant memorandum, its file 62-109060-7118. It states that my request was for "reconrds concerning the results of spectrographic analysis of bullets, bulkt fragments, garments and other objetts. (emphasis added)

26. In the 1970 case in which I was pro se I requested photographs be taken for me of the President's shirt and the knot of his tie. The court ordered that these photographs be taken and made available for my examination. It was assured that this would be done. Then, after the litigation was over, and after vig my vigorous complaints about delays, I was told that no photograph of the knot of the tie - and it is the knot, not the tie itself, that has evidentiary value - had been undone by the FBI.

(Teh The official account of the assassination as based on the allegation that a bullet entered President Kennedy'sxamax neck in the back and exited in the front when it nicked the upper corner of the knot and made hbuller holes in exiting through the shirt collar. Later I obtained, by FOIA, but from the epartment, not the FBI, an original FBI photograph not provided to the Commission showing that the damage to the shirt collar is two slits, not holes, anny do not coincide with each other or the point at which the tie knot was nicked and when I asked for the results of a test made of this I was accused of expanding my request.)

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December 6, 1977

Clarence M. Kelley Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Director:

We would greatly appreciate receiving as soon as possible a copy of the F.B.I.'s 80,000 page report entitled, "The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy." I understand that the Bureau can supply the Service one copy of this report at no cost. Our receipt of it would facilitate our continuing assistance to the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

Please telephone Mr. Stephen A. Langone, head of the Civil Rights section in our Government Division, concerning the transmittal of a copy of this report to us. Mr. Langone can be reached on 426-5834.

Thank you so much for the Bureau's prompt attention to this request.

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EXHIBIT G

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS RECEIPT FOR JOHN F. KENNEDY
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G. Robert Blakey,

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Department of Justice, et al., Defendants. Civil Action Number 81-2194



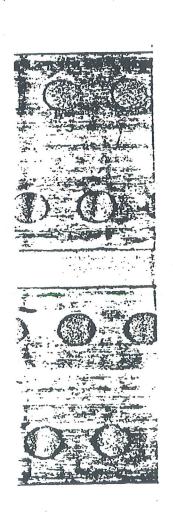
I, John N. Phillips, being duly sworn, depose and say as follows:

- (1) I am a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), assigned in a supervisory capacity to the Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) Section, Records Management Division, FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ), Washington, D. C. The statements made herein are based upon my familiarity with the procedures followed in processing requests for information received pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and upon information furnished to me by other individuals in the FBI.
- (2) In my official capacity I have become aware of plaintiff's various FOIA requests which are the subject of instant litigation. Pursuant to Rule 33 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, I am hereby providing the defendant FBI's answers, objections and/or responses to plaintiff's first set of interrogatories.

Interrogatory Number 1: What is the actual per page cost of the
FBI of xeroxing documents?

Answer: No analysis of the FBI's cost of xeroxing documents in response to FOIPA requests has ever been conducted. Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 16.9 establishes a cost of

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ADDENDUM CI-1 SECTION/INTO LEE HARVEY OSWALD JPL:cm1 8/28/75

The Freedom of Information Section has referred a report made at Washington, D. C., dated 3/11/64, in this case to review page one for release. FOI requested that this page be reviewed to determine if it should be declassified.

Page one and part of page two is a portion of the synopsis of a report dealing with information furnished by Yury Nosenko concerning the stay of Oswald in Russia. The information furnished by Nosenko was included in the details of the report which has already been made public. There appears to be no objection to the release of the synopsis of the report as it pertains to the Nosenko information.

Time spent on this review was 45 minutes.

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Sautember 1 Marion Johnson Legislativo, Judicial and Piscal Branch Room 2F National Archivas Building Waghington, D.C. 20408 Dear Mr. Johnson: This is in reply to a letter from Niss Jane 8. Smith, National Archives, dated August 15th, with enclosures regarding the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request Please be advised that the information contained in page one of CD 651, which is anFBI report of Special Agent James P. Morrissey dated March 11, 1964, relating to Yuri Mosenko is granted and deletions have been made in the enclosed excised copy, Pages three through seven and eleven through twenty-one are withheld in their entirety, pursuant to the following subsections of Title 5, United 197 132 States Code, Section 552: 0 1-4 (b) (7) investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the disclosure of which woulds (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; (D) reveal the identity of a confidential source or information furnished only o. AD Adm. p. AD lav. by the confidential source. Dir.1 Our appeal procedures provide an appeal within thirty days may be directed to the Attorney General, ttention: Freedom of Information Appeals Unit, Washington 20530. The envelope and the lether should be warked The Deputy Attorney General - Englosures Susan M Hauser Link

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"Freedom of Information Appeal," Additionally, judicial review is thereafter available either in the requester's district of residence or place of business, or in the District of Columbia, the location of the records,

Copies of your enclosures are returned along with excised copy of page one of CD 651.

Sincerely yours,

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Clarence M. Kelley Director

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NOTE: National Archives furnished a synopsis page of a FBI report in their possession and requested a certain portion of this page be released for their requester, Harold Weisburg. Since this information, which was furnished by Yuri Nosenko concerning the stay of Lee Harvey Oswald in Russia, was included in the details of the report and has already been made public, there appears to be no objection to the release of this portion of the synopsis, 105-82555-2463 p. 1

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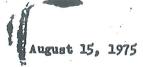
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## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SERVICES ADMINISTR.

National Archives and Records Service
Washington, DC 20408





Special Agent Thomas H. Bresson Federal Rureau of Investigation Washington, DC 20535.

Dear Mr. Bresson:

Enclosed are copies of a Freedom of Information letter of July 6, 1975, from Mr. Harold Weisberg, of our reply, and of pages 1-7 and 11-22 of Commission Document 651 of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy. Mr. Weisberg's requests include in their scope page 1 of CD 651 relating to Turi Nosenko and other persons. Pages 23-35, as well as page 2, of CD 651 relating to Nosenko have been released in accordance with a letter of the Department of Justice of January 24, 1975 (copy enclosed). Pages 1, 3-7, and 11-21 of CD 651 are still withheld from research.

Can page 1 of CD 651 also be declassified and released, either with or without releasing pages 3-7 and 11-21 at the same time? If necessary, can deletions be made in page 1 in order to release the remainder of that page relating to Nosenko?

Sincerely,

(MISS) JANE F. SMITH Director

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Dr. Tames B. Rhoads, Archivist The Kational Archives Washington, D.C. 20408

Dear Drownda.

This is a request for public information under the freeder of Information de s you elect to make full response within the time prescribed by that law. Where you would prefer to respond by supplying the documents, that will satisfy me. Where there are no records, I would like to know this. Where documents are withheld, if any are, I would like to know enough about each to decide whether or not I want to make further effort to obtain any.

Recently I obtain/what is represented as all those records released in a 1973 declassification and thereafter. Among these is CD 702, a letter of Earch 31, 1964 from J. Edgar Hoover to J. Lee Rankin five pages long with eight attachments totalling another 12 pages. These relate to the FBI's criteria for informing the Secret Service about threats against the president and others.

I would like the documents relating to the withholding of these 13 pages for so long, particularly when they were published by the Commission as its Exhibit 836.

I was also supplied with a May 22, 1964 letter Nr. Hoover wrote Nr. Rankin relating to Mexican tourists permits. While there is no classification marked on this letter it was declassified by the Department of Justice on August 13,1965. It thereafter was not released by the Archites until its declassification of April 16 1974. I would like what documents relate to this withholding for an extra mine years or, your option, an explanation that provides the same information.

There is a similar letter dated July 7,1964 relating to Letican Immigration Department records 46 enclosures of which were forwarded with it. This letter was originally classified Confidential. No declassification is stamped on it, The information I seek is the basis for the original classification and of the declassification - why it was ever classified and why it was not declassified for so long where there were all those regular reviews.

From the Oswald Post-Russian Period 3-1 files there is an elmost illegible copy of the carbon of a letter Mr. Rankin wrote Mr. Hoover under date of April 24, 1964. It was classified Scoret. After reading it I do not see what justified this classification. It was not declassified in any of the regular declassifications or reviews but was specially declassified by the Archives Earch 13 of this year. I would like what records there are relating to all aspects of this or, if you prefer, explanations. I would also like to know what is referred to by the Oswald dossier in the maragraph numbered 5 or if it is not lengthy, a copy.

The FSI placed no classification on its LHE sur arizing its Nosenko interviews of February 26 and 27, 1964. It was not provided when I first requested copies of the liosenko documents. It also bears no declassification. If there are rewords relating to withholding or releasing this I'd like copies or in the alternative explanations. (I have asked you earlier why my request was not filled fully and have had no response after a long time.) The lest part of the first perceraph of this Lai has been blacked out. With the release of those documents it summarizes I presume there is nothing in tide, that now need be withheld and I would appreciate on unce sored copy.

was provided with an unidentified page dated October 27,1959 dealing with Oswald's Epscow hospitalization. On this I'd like to know the source and the reason for withholding all these years. Borchaspification or declassification is indicated.

Also declassifi Warch 2 13 of this year is the page plus appendix report on Oswald's Freign Activities, undated. Without close study it appears that parts of this were withheld in not less than four ways and times. With the disclosure of what in many of these places seems to have been the withheld source I ask for a review of these withholdings because I believe they are today neither nocessary nor proper. An example is where these Nosenko papers are the source. With them not withheld reference to them it would seem need not be. If you agree I would appreciate copies of those pages that are incomplete in the version provided me.

I find no single CIA interview or report of any kind relating to what Mosenko told the CIA about Oswald or anything else relevant to the work of the Warren Commission. I ask for any and all such papers or any kind and if any are withheld, the records dealing with the withholding.

Of there are any other Mosenko records of any kind still withheld I would like to have their identification and the records relating to any such withholding. I do not recall anything indicating that any such FBI records are now withheld but if any are I would like to know the same with regard to them.

There seems to have been an extraordinary declassification of records of this general kind around and after the march date. This date coincides with the decision to release to me the withheld executive session of January 22,1964. Earlier I had obtained the January 27 transcript following my filing of C.A.2052-73. It was apparent to the Archives that I was seeking everything available on this general subject with sufficient interest to file suits and to exhaust administrative remedies. These records to which I have referred herein were not identified in the existing available records but clearly are on the same general subject. I was never informed of them, their existence or their declassification despite the certainty of my active and long-time interest in everything relating to this general subject.

When I requested all these records on learning of their existence and what for all practical purposes amounts to their exclusive release to another, much more was still withheld than was supplied me. While I would welcome an explanation of all of this I also request all records relating to these extraordinary declassifications that also just happen to coincide with the political uses the government agencies can make of them

Having read all of what is not withheld from me still I see no reason for any of the extraordinary procedures relating to any of these Nosenko and related records. Some were never classified by the PBI. The highest classification it affixed on any that I recall was Confidential. Some were illegely classified Top Secret but they did not originate with any executive agency.

As a matter of fact, with Nosenko's defection well know to the Russians as was everything else he knew and could have told and with these records dealing only with Oswald and related matters I see no justification for any classification at any time. The only people from whom information was withheld wamethe American people. No proper purpose of classification of any grade scame to have been served or in fact in mind. So, I intend my request to extend to all records of classification going back to the original withholdings and the reasons for them as well as the classifications and declassifications.

If in addition you would care to make any other explanation of the obvious discrimination, the continued withholding after my request and of what I regard as discrimination to these materials I would welcome it.

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# Department of Justice Washington, D.C. 20530

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Dr. James B. Rhoads Archivist of the United States National Archives & Records Service Washington, D. C., 20408

Attention: Marion M. Johnson

Dear Dr. Rhoads:

This responds to your request to the Attorney General for the views of the Department of Justice as to whether two classified documents (described below) maintained in the records of the Warren Commission may be declassified. Because these documents relate primarily to the activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Director of that Bureau was asked to review them. The Director has completed his review and has advised us as follows:

- 1. The Bureau interposes no objection to declassification of the letter dated April 24, 1964 addressed to Bureau Director J. Edgar Hoover by J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel of the Warren Commission.
- 2. The Bureau, after consultation with the Central Intelligence Agency which has an interest in the matter, likewise interposes no objection to declassification of the subject portion of the report of Special Agent James F. Morrissey, dated March 11, 1964; specifically pages 23-35 of Commission document 651.

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With regard to your further question as to disclosure of the subject portion of the report of Special Agent Morrissey under the Freedom of Information Act, the Bureau advises that interposes no objection to release of this material for research purposes.

Sincerely,

Leon Ulman

Deputy Assistant Attorney General Office of Legal Counsel

Chairman, Departmental Review Committee

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July 31, 1975 Er. Harel' Hel borg not the regard and Tour in the things This is in realy to your letter of July 6, 1975, received in this office on July 9, 1975, in thich you make requests concerning the sometimes the the Prenticula Cordision on the assessination of Decidoub En. by under the Freedom of Information hat (5 U.S. C. 552) as accorded. Your original request was for copies of all receive released where the to labely on, to will be pleased to Aunion them. in the Folia (thee for of Information Act) regreets for records only riding a fillbidinge (b) The will kind Alog from recommend of the decise Be mount 702. The All Nonling Even recomment of serious an enducing fees and other within all limited and from the form of the first serious feet and of the first serious feet and other fee , from de Figur Beer in production dia de la Lebtor for Conducted Polyment, 955 and and not 9170 The will (see That I elicated to the Description of the of the II to the term of the or the term of the or the term of the or th provide directed world) bearing it related to in the relations with " ri of it of 5 % 1970, of the first la

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