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Dear Dr. Rhoads,

This is a request for public information under the Freedom of Information Act unless 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.

① Recently I obtain<sup>ed</sup> what is represented as all those records released in a 1973 declassification and thereafter. Among these is CD 702, a letter of March 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.

② I was also supplied with a May 22, 1964 letter <sup>Confidential</sup> Mr. Hoover wrote Mr. 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 Archives until its declassification of April 16, 1974. I would like what documents relate to this withholding for an extra nine years or, your option, an explanation that provides the same information.

③ There is a similar letter dated July 7, 1964 relating to Mexican 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.

④ From the Oswald Post-Russian Period 3-1 files there is an almost illegible copy of the carbon of a letter Mr. Rankin wrote Mr. Hoover under date of April 24, 1964. It was classified Secret. 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 March 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 paragraph numbered 5 or if it is not lengthy, a copy.

⑤ The FBI placed no classification on its LHM summarizing its Nosenko interviews of February 26 and 27, 1964. It was not provided when I first requested copies of the Nosenko documents. It also bears no declassification. If there are records 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 last part of the first paragraph of this LHM has been blacked out. With the release of those documents it summarizes I presume there is nothing in this that now need be withheld and I would appreciate an uncorrected copy.

⑥ I was provided with an unidentified page dated October 27, 1959 dealing with Oswald's Moscow hospitalization. On this I'd like to know the source, and the reason for withholding all these years. No classification or declassification is indicated.

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