

- 1 - Mr. D. J. Dalbey
- 1 - Mr. E. S. Miller
- 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. J. P. Thomas, 1972

The Deputy Attorney General

October 24, 1972

Acting Director, FBI

Ad
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST -
BERNARD FENSTERWALD, JR. J.P. MEXICO

Pg 2

Reference is made to my letter dated September 15, 1972, and to my letter to the Director, Central Intelligence Agency, dated September 22, 1972. A copy of the latter communication was directed to you.

the
US
As stated in the referenced communications, the photographs sought by Mr. Fensterwald, described in his letter to you dated August 28, 1972, are not in FBI files. The General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency informed this Bureau by letter dated October 11, 1972, that there is no way in which the 20 photographs sought can be identified by that Agency. The General Counsel commented that since the pictures had no relevance to the Lee Harvey Oswald case, no identification was made at the time they were displayed to Pedro Gutierrez Valencia in Mexico in 1964, and unless they were otherwise of intelligence interest, they would have been routinely destroyed. The General Counsel requested that we reply to Mr. Fensterwald along these lines without specifically identifying the Central Intelligence Agency.

Accordingly, pursuant to the request in your September 6, 1972, letter, enclosed herewith are the original and one copy for your files of a letter for your signature in response to Mr. Fensterwald, stating the unavailability of the 20 photographs he sought.

Enclosures - 2

62-112697

MAILED 2
OCT 24 1972
FBI

ENCLOSURE

- 1 - 105-32555 (Lee Harvey Oswald)
- 1 - 62-81830 (FOI Act)

REC-2

DJD
JSU
WAB
5PT / FSJW
62-112697-24
(K)

ST-104

18 DEC 19 1972 *WAC*

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

- Felt
- Baker
- Bates
- Bishop
- Callahan
- Cleveland
- Conrad
- Dalbey
- Jenkins
- Marshall
- Miller, E.S.
- Ponder
- Soyars
- Walters
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Kinley
- Mr. Armstrong
- Ms. Herwig
- Mrs. Neenan

MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

The Deputy Attorney General

NOTE:

Fensterwald, head of the "Committee to Investigate Assassinations," has made repeated requests for information relating to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and has sued the Government to obtain such information on at least two occasions. He now seeks 20 photographs, which Legat, Mexico, showed to Gutierrez on 2/20/64 in an attempt to identify an individual Gutierrez claimed was Lee Harvey Oswald and whom Gutierrez claimed to have seen in Mexico City on 10/1/63. Inasmuch as Gutierrez did not recognize the subjects of any of the photographs, they were not retained by Legat, Mexico. By letter dated 9/15/72 we informed the Deputy Attorney General that the photographs were not at FBI Headquarters and that we were attempting to locate them through Legat, Mexico. By letter to CIA, copy to the Deputy Attorney General, 9/22/72, we asked CIA if it could locate the photographs. As indicated above, CIA is unable to do so and does not desire to be identified with them in correspondence to Fensterwald.

October 25, 1972

- 1 - Mr. D. J. Dalbey
- 1 - Mr. E. S. Miller
- 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. J. P. Thomas

24
Bernard Fensterwald, Jr., Esq.
Fensterwald and Ohlhausen
905 16th Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20006

[Handwritten signature]

105-82555-
62-81830-

Dear Mr. Fensterwald,

With reference to the request contained in your letter of August 28, 1972, for access to 20 photographs displayed to Pedro Gutierrez Valencia on February 20, 1964, which photographs were mentioned in Warren Commission Document 566, a thorough search of pertinent records has been made at my request.

24
Please be advised that the photographs have not been located and there does not appear to be any way in which they can be identified at this late date. Inasmuch as it was determined at the time they were displayed to Gutierrez that they had no relevance to the Lee Harvey Oswald case, no identification of them was made. Be further advised that unidentified photographs of no relevance are routinely destroyed.

Sincerely,

Deputy Attorney General

ENCLOSURE

DJD
8/4

62-112697

- 1 - 105-82555 (Lee Harvey Oswald)
- 1 - 62-81830 (FOI Act)

REC-2
ST-104
62-112697-24

18 DEC 19 1972

JPT:dld
(10)

Bureau Hold

JPT/FJW

WGC

DE Mwan

- Felt _____
- Baker _____
- Bates _____
- Bishop _____
- Callahan _____
- Cleveland _____
- Conrad _____
- Dalbey _____
- Jenkins _____
- Marshall _____
- Miller, E.S. _____
- Ponder _____
- Soyars _____
- Walters _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Kinley _____
- Mr. Armstrong _____
- Ms. Herwig _____
- Mrs. Neenan _____

MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT