

July 31, 1975

Mr. Harold Holberg
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Dear Mr. Holberg:

This is in reply to your letter of July 6, 1975, received in this office on July 9, 1975, in which you make requests concerning the records of the President's Commission on the assassination of President Kennedy under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) as amended.

Your original request was for copies of all records released since the date of your request, July 6, 1975. If you are desirous of all records released since the date of your request, July 6, 1975, we will be pleased to furnish them.

Under the FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests for records are being made for the following:

(a) The withholding from research of Commission Document 702. The document which is withheld is 702-1000-1000, both of which can be found in the files of the Department of Justice (see List 2 attached to the Department of Justice letter of July 17, 1975, to you, p. 2). It will be made available to you if you can provide a copy of the document which has been withheld from research.

(b) The withholding from research of Commission Document 935. This document is withheld from research because it is a copy of a letter from J. Edgar Hoover to the President's Commission on the assassination of President Kennedy (see List 2 attached to the Department of Justice letter of July 17, 1975, to you, p. 2). It will be made available to you if you can provide a copy of the document which has been withheld from research. It was made available to the President's Commission on the assassination of President Kennedy (see List 2 attached to the Department of Justice letter of July 17, 1975, to you, p. 2) and it is a copy of a letter from J. Edgar Hoover to the President's Commission on the assassination of President Kennedy.

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- (7) Deleted in the Cole and Garrison memoranda on Oswald's foreign activities. The deleted material is dated to you under 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (5).
- (8) CIA intercepts or reports relating to what Forster told the CIA. No documents of this kind have been found in the records of the Commission.
- (9) Forster's records of any kind still withheld. These records consist of the following:

- (a) Letter of Forster to Malone, March 6, 1964.
- (b) Memorandum of Malone to Forster, Nichols, Ball and Felt, March 9, 1964.
- (c) Memorandum of Malone to Forster, March 12, 1964.
- (d) Memorandum of Malone to Forster, March 17, 1964.
- (e) Memorandum of Malone to Forster, July 23, 1964 (no names given).
- (f) Memorandum of Malone to Forster, August 22, 1964.
- (g) Transcript of Forster's interview with the Commission of June 23, 1964.
- (h) Perhaps page 43 of the transcript of the hearing of the Commission, ^{79-2,192} which is dated August 20, 1964, with the heading "Hearsay".

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- (i) Page 1 of the Commission Report 451.
- (j) ... of CD 451.

(1) ... 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (5) ... deleted to you. ... records of the Commission. We regret that a few items relating to ... were inadvertently omitted in our previous letter to you.

- ... the following documents:
- (1) ... (CIA) ... 1967, which was ... to you.

of the records referred to in the note are denied to you under 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (5).

- (2) Letter of Thomas H. Karam, Deputy Director for Plans, CIA, to Robert H. Baker, Archivist of the United States, of October 2, 1967. This letter is denied to you under 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (1).
- (3) Letter of May 1, 1975, of Robert S. Young, FOI Coordinator, CIA, to James E. Woods, which can be made available to you.
- (4) Note of Martin H. Johnson (HARS) to Charles P. Dexter (CIA) July 20, 1974, and letter of John D. Morrison, Jr., Acting General Counsel, CIA, to James E. Woods, October 1, 1974, which can be made available to you.

(10) Declassification of certain records on July 13, 1975:

The declassification actions were taken to prevent the release of information which might be used to identify a researcher in order to prevent the researcher from continuing to work with him, consisting of two letters dated July 13 and August 13, 1975, and a letter dated July 27, 1975, as well as notices received from the CIA dated August 5, October 9, 1974, and January 9 and March 1, 1975, in denial to you under 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (6).

The specific records to which you refer in this request apparently are the following:

- (a) Pages 23-35 of Confidential Document 651 relating to Yuri Nosenko. These pages were withheld from research in 1965 and 1970 at the request of the Department of Justice in its letters dated in item 4 above. They were declassified by the letter of January 20, 1975, of the Department of Justice listed in item 4 above.
- (b) Letter of J. Edgar Hoover to J. Lee Rankin dated July 13, 1975. This letter was withheld from research by the CIA in its letter of August 13, 1975, because of the release of the letter to the jurisdiction of Canada's Parliament and the question of United States-Canadian relations. The Department of Justice refused to withhold the letter in its letter of July 13, 1975 (item 2 above).


(1) Transcript of an oral history interview of the Coordinator of Security Information, dated January 22, 1975. A transcript was prepared by a Department of Defense cryptanalyst from the report's notes for that interview and classified on the basis of the classification of the report's notes. A copy of the transcript (MARS) to the Secretary of State (Department of Justice) on October 12, 1974, regarding a review of the transcript and the reply of the Department of February 26, 1975, will be furnished to you.

(2) The undated Coleman-Sloman memorandum on Oswald's foreign activities. Most of this memorandum was declassified by the National Archives on the basis of published information. A letter of Charles E. Savage (CIA) to James B. Rhoads relating to declassification of a portion of the memorandum is dated to you under 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (1).

Enclosed is a copy of the memorandum under 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) which includes information in this letter. The points of reference are furnished you for your information.

Information requested to you separately regarding the security classification is included to you in this letter.

For your personal use, the enclosures to you in this letter to the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C. 20540. Details of security classified documents, which includes part of the undated memorandum on the Coleman-Sloman memorandum on Oswald's foreign activities, are also included to the Information Classification Board, Committee, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Sincerely,

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