

Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs
Chairman, Appeals Review Panel
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

4/6/85

Dear Sir,

Re Case Control No. 8500029

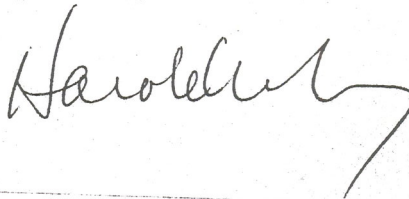
In acting on referrals by the FBI Mr. Allan W. Otto withheld the referred records, described as visa documents that are exempt under FOIA. These records relate to a KGB defector Yuri Nosenko.

If the records in question are limited to his visa applications after he defected to the U.S. I am in agreement, they ought be withheld and I do not appeal that decision.

However, if they, or any of them, relate to what has been disclosed about his defection, either officially or by him, then I appeal, limited to that, and ask that you make discretionary release because of the very considerable public interest. If any name other than his own, Nosenko, was used, I agree in advance to the withholding of his false identity.

This reminds me that under a very old request the Department should have disclosed any nonexempt Nosenko records to me. I do not recall receiving any. In addition to what Nosenko himself has disclosed in a number of interviews and what the FBI has disclosed, the CIA sent a representative to disclose much additional information relating to Nosenko to the former House Select Committee on Assassinations. Information that may have been withheld properly in the past thus may not be subject to appropriate claims to exemption subsequent to these disclosures. I would like very much to receive this information, which I understand the Department has.

Sincerely,



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