

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 from research, 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 request it. It is a copy of a letterhead memorandum dated July 15, 1964, from J. Edgar Hoover to the Commission which had been

(b) The withholding from research of Commission Document 965 and was not able to be located (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 request it. It is a copy of a letterhead memorandum dated July 15, 1964, from J. Edgar Hoover to the Commission which had been

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made available to you. We declassified the letter of May 22, 1968, from J. Edgar Hoover to J. Lee Rankin on the basis of the declassification of its enclosures (10 365) by the Department of Justice letter of August 11, 1975, in response to our letter of the letter in concerning the Oswald-Hopkins trip to Mexico.

- (3) Declassification of a letter of July 7, 1964, relating to Mexican Immigration Department records, 46 enclosures of which had been forwarded with it. We do not have records that show the reasons why documents were classified or declassified. Presumably the classified documents relating to investigation of Oswald's trip to Mexico were classified because relations with a foreign country were involved. We released this document when we could do so in concerning the file for Oswald's Mexico trip.
- (4) Declassification of a letter of J. Lee Rankin to J. Edgar Hoover of April 24, 1964. This letter was withheld from release in our 1975 report on the grounds that it concerned the investigation of Oswald and the question of foreign relations with Mexico. It was among the records the Department of Justice requested us to continue to withhold by its letter of April 18, 1973 (item 3 above). It was declassified and released by a letter of January 24, 1975, from the Department of Justice in response to our letter of July 31, 1974. We have been unable to identify the dossier referred to in the letter here.
- (5) Documents relating to the withholding and release of the FBI letterhead memorandum (LHM) on relations with Yuri N. Zhukov (Commission Document 124). (1) LHM to the Director of part of the portion of Commission Document 124, which was withheld by the Department of Justice in our 1975 report (item 4 above) until the letter of January 24, 1975. (2) LHM to the Director of part of the portion of Commission Document 124 with the declassification of the part of the file referred to in our 1975 report (item 4 above). (3) LHM (1) (r).
- (6) Page dated October 27, 1959, dealing with Oswald's hospitalization. As stated in our letter of June 17, 1975, the page relating to Oswald's Moscow hospitalization on October 27, 1959, is from the Oswald-July Chronology in the Commission's records. It was previously withheld from release because it contained information from a document withheld from release.

- (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 on June 23, 1964.
- (h) Perhaps page 43 of the transcript of the hearing of the Commission, <sup>79</sup> 2, 1964, which is being read to you.

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- (i) Page 1 of the Russian Passport #51.
- (j) Copy of letter of CW 451.

(1) (2) ... 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (5) ... deleted to you. ... report that a few items relating to ... were inadvertently omitted in our previous letter to you.

- (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 by a researcher in order to identify individuals who were in contact with him, consisting of two letters dated July 13 and August 13, 1975, and a letter dated August 27, 1975, as well as letters received from him dated August 5, 1974, 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 24, 1975, of the Department of State 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 1967-68 because of the release of the letter to the jurisdiction of Canada's National Intelligence Commission. The Department of Justice advised us to withhold the letter in its letter of August 13, 1973 (item 2 above).


(1) Transcript of an oral history session of the Commission of Inquiry 22, 1974. A transcript was prepared by a Department of Defense cryptanalyst from the report's notes for that session and classified on the basis of the classification of the report's notes. A copy of the transcript (MARS) to Mark S. G. (Department of Justice) of 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-Slamon 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 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) which includes a copy of the transcript. The transcript and notes are being furnished you for your information.

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

For your personal use, the records to you in this letter to the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C. Records of security classified documents, which includes part of the undated memorandum on Oswald's foreign activities, regarding the memorandum to the International Classification Board, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Sincerely,  
  
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National Archives

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