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Dear Mr. McCreight,

Because your letter of 11/3 deals with a number of different subjects I address them separately, which may be easier for you, me and Mr. Shea.

My request for a photograph of Anatoli K. Golitsyn was, as you repeat, for a published or non-secret photograph. If there is no photograph that is non-secret I recognize that a (b)(1) claim might be applicable. This is why I limited my request to what is not secret. However, you make the (b)(1) claim without stating that you do not have a non-secret picture. The clear inference is that you do have a non-secret picture and make a "national security" claim for what is within the public domain. This, of course, I do appeal. Correct me if I am wrong, but I believe that the KGB has pictures of its defector. If the KGB wants to knock him off it will not lack for pictures to provide to any of its "liquid affairs" or "wet" operatives. The prospects of a self-starter having any such interest is extremely remote. And he and other defectors do walk around with their bare faces hanging out. So while I began with the belief that there might be some conditions under which a (b)(1) claim might be applicable, you provide no reason for making the claim and do not even do what is obvious if you have no picture of him that is ~~not~~ within the public domain - accept the invitation I extended.

My interest really is in seeing a picture and I'll explain why.

Several years ago, when virtually nobody outside the agencies of which I had made information requests knew of my interest in Yuri Nosenko, I received a series of phone calls from a man with a heavy and I believed Russian accent. He called himself Mr. Martin. He had no knowledge of my work. He did not even know the titles of my book or anything about their content. His knowledge was limited to my interest in Nosenko and his clear purpose was to express a point of view upon me. Mr. Martin would not hide his hatred and made no effort to. His hatred bordered on the irrational.

My requests were of the Archives, the FBI and the CIA.

There came a time when Mr. Martin proposed a person meeting. He said he lived in the Washington area and asked if we could set a time and place when I would be closer to him than I live. I picked a time I knew I had to be in Rockville, it was acceptable to him, and because I planned some shopping at Hechingers we met there. He also made purchases, of seeds for his garden. They were on sale. He gave me an idea of where he lived, as I recall in the Wheaton area, and of his gardening problems and limitations. We went to a nearby fast-food place for lunch and continued our discussion, largely his diatribe and the worst possible manner of trying to persuade anyone else.

While in all other ways he was pleasant and agreeable, except for not paying me for the copy of one of my books we used as a means of identification, as he promised, he ran off at the mouth considerably about other defectors. If I had the interest I could have learned more about them and spotted some. He even told me where one works and the capacity of that employment. If I'd had any interest in making an identification of him in his new identity, that also would have been easy. But I respected his wish and did not even try to look at his car and get its license number.

Since then, including in the Epstein book Legend, much more information about defectors, including Golitsyn, has become public knowledge. Golitsyn, it is now known, is the hatred Mr. Martin manifested toward Nosenko. This made me wonder about Mr. Martin

and his atypical uncoolness, his not even bothering to have a pretext with me and his consuming hatred. I am not persuaded that a man who had no knowledge of me or my work or my Nosenko interest served any personal interest in his phone calls or seeking the later personal meeting.

Golitsin's employer is no longer a secret matter, if he has the same employer he had more than a decade ago.

Because I believe that Mr. Martin was serving an interest other than his own in attempting to influence me with regard to what Nosenko told the FBI - and I do believe the FBI's reports that I have - I want to see a photograph of Mr. Golitsin.

I do not hide from you my belief that if Mr. Golitsin was acting on behalf of a federal agency in trying to influence me that would be very wrong.

I did not believe that the FBI had sent him to influence me. But when you refuse to comply with a request for a non-secret photograph and make a "national security" claim for a request limited to the non-secret, I do wonder. My wonder includes whether the FBI has relevant knowledge and seeks to hide it in the interest of another agency.

Compliance with my request will in no way endanger the man. It will not - cannot - provide any lead to his new identity. My request is limited to what is well known to the KGB. Isn't the time ever going to come when the FBI and other agencies stop withholding from the American people what is so well known to the KGB? You even claim that in the interest of "national security" you have to withhold what you know very well the KGB knows.

Crying wolf is no longer a mere habit. It is a fixation.