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Dear Mr. Hansen,

Thank you for your letter of the 7th and the enclosure.

For the record, the letter to the editor of Democracy is not an intra-agency memorandum and you make no other claim to exemption, although I assume you had 70 in mind in withholding the name, in violation of the Attorney General's directive of 1/5/77, Department policy, and particularly since they have already been disclosed.

Withholding David Rosen's name from a letter he wrote for publication is stretching it a bit, isn't it?

Although the letter is not the only reflection of partisanship in OIG, it is a very clear one, and it is augmented by the striking display of ignorance of the conclusions and evidence of the Commission for which he worked and whose record he quotes at some length. Not that he isn't knowledgeable, as in writing about the bullet allegedly intended in the Lincoln's assassination.

Of course I have serious questions about the propriety of OIG spending that money in no particular a venture, especially because I am one of those "others" whose work he hardly reflects but does criticize. It required quite a bit of unpaid time to locate all these citations and the time of the typist.

When OIG is overtly partisan on this controversial subject, how can the people regard it as impartial in its decisions, again I say particularly as they relate to me?

That is partisan is illustrated by the fact that it still withholds pertinent records pertaining to the JFK case and to my 7A request, after many years. (You are more than three years overdue in this limited compliance, five under 7A.)

Records in my possession establish that OIG has non-exempt records not provided. However, if you decide to claim exemption, you are still required to account for the records and make specific claim to exemption with regard to each withholding, are you not?

In this matter you provide what appears to be factual material, from the agency, including a memo written on 11/27/54, and I please have the FBI request any information in connection. There is public interest in the matter, which the Department has been discussing and the Department's policy in this case in particular does require.

I believe I have written the Bureau about the non-compliance. May I please have all exceptional material in which I am advised that I request the records that should have been provided to you, and

Sincerely,

Harold J. ...