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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in response to your May 21, 1977, Freedom of Information request submitted to the Director, Naval Intelligence Service for documents pertaining to the Kennedy Assassination and your May 13, 1980, letter indicating that you could not understand the National Security Council letter from a Ms. Christine Dodson. Hopefully, the following explanation will assist you in determining the sequence of events in this case.

Your original request to the Naval Intelligence Service was apparently forwarded to the Department of Justice who in turn found eight documents that contained information originated by the Department of Defense. After reviewing the documents, the DoD forwarded them to the Department of State for review and response directly to you. By letter dated May 6, 1980, the Department of State notified you that seven were being denied and that one was returned to the DoD for further review.

The Office of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) reviewed the returned document and advised that the Department of the Treasury had denied release of pages 48-49 during a recent security review.

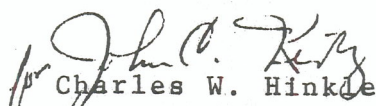
We then forwarded the document to the Department of Treasury and they state that the denied pages are exempt from disclosure as they would reveal investigative techniques and procedures. The denied information also pertains solely to the internal rules and practices of their department. Therefore, the information is withheld under the provisions of 5 USC 552(b)(7)(E) and (b)(2).

If you wish to appeal this denial, you should provide

detailed justification for reversal of the initial denial and forward your comments to Deputy Director, Freedom of Information Appeal, U.S. Secret Service, 1800 G. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20223 within 35 days after receipt of this letter.

We trust the enclosed information is responsive to your request.

Sincerely,


for Charles W. Hinkle
Director, Freedom of Information
and Security Review

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