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Dear Mr. O'Neill,

The first of the two sentences of your letter dated by stamp of 1/26/77 says that in your 1/24 letter through an oversight no copy of CD 651 was enclosed. The second sentence is "The copy of CD 651 is transmitted with this letter."

I had already written you about the non-enclosure of CD 651 before I received this letter from you.

Your second sentence is commentary on the current state of official scholarship.

You do not enclose a "copy of CD 651."

You did enclose nine pages, the last of which is numbered "19." There is no indication on this page that it is the last page of CD 651.

By pagination alone you did NOT enclose a "copy of CD 652."

In addition there is not one of these nine pages of which there is not obliteration by blacking out. And on not one of these pages is any exemption cited, indicated or by any of the most indirect means suggested.

Your earlier letter referred to the withholding of content from the full CD parts of which have since been released.. I have read all the pages you provided. I find nothing that at any time ever qualified for any withholding.

However, you have withheld from me and I am sure from others.

I therefore ask you what has been released, as the what you have sent does not show, and the basis for the withholdings. I would like the records, and I ask for them under FOIA, that relate to these withholdings from the beginning.

What you have not sent does not appear to be Warren Commission records. They do appear to be other records on which what I would guess to be is the handwriting of an employee of the Archives has written the CD identification. Other indications are those of a non-Warren Commission record. In addition, there are obliterations that are entirely foreign to the parts of Warren Commission records where any information appears. If this is not enough then I add that what you have sent is an extremely remote generation copy. So I am asking for a clear copy of a Warren Commission record. Not, say, of an FBI record. And I would in each case like a statement of the relevant exemption claimed to be applicable. By this I mean both now and at the time of original withholding.

The Archives is under an archivist who is also the government's top experts on these matters. So I cite the first of the pages you sent me, a page on which if there had not been so much rezeroxing of x's over the word "synopsis" would be completely legible. The last item on this page under what I am confident is "synopsis" deals with information that had been withheld, information attributed to Yuri Nosenko. I am with regard to this as an illustration and in particular asking what exemption every applied and how it is or could be applicable, the KGB knowing well that it has lost a man and what he knew. But were this not true what information there is in this language that meets the requirements of any exemption.

To this I add that the other pages do not contain a single reference to this which is supposedly a synopsis of what supposedly follows. May I please have these pages?

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg