

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director
(Attention: Mr. William Shackelford)
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Thank you for your letter of October 13, regarding my FOIA requests relating to the assassination of President Kennedy.

As I mentioned to Mr. Shackelford, I wrote the Justice Department some time ago to clarify the scope of my request for pre-assassination records relating to Lee Harvey Oswald, and to present arguments for disclosure. A copy of that letter (dated August 24, 1973) is enclosed for your convenience.

You indicated that four field offices with special interest in the Oswald case have recently been asked to send FBI Headquarters any pre-assassination material not already submitted. I expect that most but not all of the material I am interested in is in those four cities.

I expect that the House Assassinations Committee will make a request similar to mine, if it has not already done so. Therefore, you may be making a more complete field office search in the future. Of course, I would like to be informed of the results, but I am not pressing you to make a complete search at this time.

You might find it useful to have the list of possibly relevant files which I extracted from the material just released to me. Some of these files may contain only copies of documents in the files which are already being reviewed, but others probably contain additional documents.

Files entitled "Funds Transmitted to Residents of Russia":

Bureau	100-353496
Dallas	105-976
New York	105-6103

Files on the Fair Play for Cuba Committee:

Bureau	97-4196
New Orleans	97-74

Files on Marina Oswald (SOBTR):

Bureau	105-126032
Dallas	105-1435
New Orleans	100-16926

Files on Lee Harvey Oswald:

Bureau	105-82555	(main file; being reviewed)
Bureau	105-124685	(in the name "Lee Henry Oswald" (?))
Dallas	100-10461	
New Orleans	100-16601	
New York	105-38431	
Washington	105-37111	
Little Rock	105-406	
Newark		(file number, if any, not known)
Legat, Paris		(file number not known)
Legat, Mexico	105-3702	(may be the post-assassination number)
Legat, Bern	105-257	(may be a post-assassination file)

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Individual items on Oswald were put in files which appear to relate to other people, but they might be worth checking:

Bureau	105-81258	(Robert Edward Webster)
Bureau	100-362196	(Defectors, or a specific defector)

In addition, the two pre-assassination search slips you released (preceding serials 2 and 43) include a number of references which do not seem to be covered by the above list - specifically, 26-93322-13, 65-28939-2456, and 105-82754-A. (See enclosure.) These may not relate to Oswald, but if they do, they are covered by my request.

Although 26-93322-13 seems to relate to Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicles and therefore probably involves another Lee Oswald, I am particularly interested in finding out if it is the same matter referred to in a 1961 CIA index check. The rather cryptic CIA reference (in CIA Item #1249-1010) appears to be "File = L. Oswald, Reference = Wright, Raymond, ... Hpt (illegible), 7/8/55, p. 5." If the item in the 26-93322 file does match the CIA citation, I would appreciate being so advised.

A note on serial 91-out of the Oswald file, which you have released, indicates that Bufile 97-4196-857 relates to a New Orleans Fair Play for Cuba Committee pamphlet which was furnished to the Bureau in June 1963. Although Oswald is apparently not named in the pamphlet, it almost certainly relates to him (since he was the only known FPCC member in New Orleans), and thus would seem to be covered by my request.

Finally, it may be that material relating to Oswald or the investigation of the assassination is in some special files, such as the Cointelpro files or Mr. Hoover's personal files. If it is feasible to have such files checked for relevant material, I hope you will do so.

I appreciate your continuing efforts to process these files for release, and I expect to be in touch with you again soon.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Mr. Donovan Gay,
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Assassinations