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Dear Mr. Hall,

Now that I learn from your letter of 2/27/85 that a new request is not a new request and that you handled it promptly, please tell me what it takes for you to begin to do something about so many old requests. Like those relating to Yuri Nosenko, about which your office wrote me in 1987 that it was being worked on. Since then I've received nothing but you have disclosed Nosenko records to another.

I've learned over the years to look for semantics in what the FBI writes me and tells the courts, and in your newest denial of the existence of JFK assassination photographs lists you really fall short of telling me that there is none. I add emphasis to your words: "... there is no list of all photographs in the files of the assassination..." Obvious questions that suggest themselves, particularly because your own office informed another requester to the contrary, are, have you any such lists? Anywhere? Field office? Reading room?

When I consider all the many occasions on which the FBI swore that it did not have records it did have and in quite a few instances was compelled to disclose, I hope you will understand my inwillingness to take your word that you have no such list when you have informed another to the contrary. Particularly when no search is reported. Because you say you treated this old request as a new request you are saying that you did make a search. It therefore ought be no trouble at all to provide copies of the requests and search reporting, and I would appreciate them very much.

We are still involved in litigation in which your supervisor swore that what does exist does not exist and in which he attested to nonexistence without even claiming a search was made. Providing search records might enable you to eliminate any doubt.

The character of what he swore does not exist is, in part, reflected in what I filed with the appeals court. Although I assume that you have been made aware of this, on the chance you have not I enclose the Jack Anderson column as it appeared in today's local paper but not in the Washington Post. If the filing itself has not been provided to you, I sent a copy to Ms. Whittaker in the Civil Division.

One of the attachments confirms what I attested to and the FBI denied, the filing of JFK assassination records in personnel but not main files. It confirms also my accuracy in file number identification.

Earlier you stated that you could find no record of my having requested access to these photographs and then to filing a request for them. I recounted the history and I now find that you have ducked this entirely. I cannot imagine how you could have made any kind of search at all without finding this correspondence, yet you denied it exists. Did you find it, after denying it exists, and is that why you treated a "new" request as an old one?

Perhaps it is foolish to ask but I do wonder if you people ever get tired with evading and stonewalling and wasting so much of everyone's time and the costs thus created? Nosenko is an additional illustration, and so are the Dallas police radio recordings your SA Phillips swore the FBI never had when it did - and I'm still waiting after quite some time for copies and copies of the related records, both located.

Sincerely,



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cc Mr Huff