

July 31, 1975

Mr. Harold Holberg
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Dear Mr. Holberg:

This is in reply to your letter of July 6, 1975, received in this office on July 9, 1975, in which you make requests concerning the records of the President's Commission on the assassination of President Kennedy under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) as amended.

Your original request was for copies of all records released since the date of your request, July 6, 1975. If you are desirous of all records released since the date of your request, July 6, 1975, we will be pleased to furnish them.

Under the FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests for records are being made for the following:

(a) The withholding from research of Commission Document 702. The document which is withheld is 702-1000-1000, both of which can be found in the files of the Department of Justice (see List 2 attached to the Department of Justice letter of July 17, 1975, to you, p. 2). It will be made available to you if you can provide a copy of the document which has been withheld from research.

(b) The withholding from research of Commission Document 965. This document is a letter for Commission Document 965 and was not released to you (see List 2 attached to the Department of Justice letter of July 17, 1975, to you, p. 2). It will be made available to you if you can provide a copy of the document which has been withheld from research. It was made available to you in a letter from J. Edgar Hoover to you on July 17, 1975, and is a copy of the document which has been withheld from research.

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made available to you. We declassified the letter of May 22, 1968, from J. Edgar Hoover to J. Lee Rankin on the basis of the declassification of its enclosures (10 365) by the Department of Justice letter of August 11, 1975, and to Rankin copy of the letter in accordance with the Commission's instructions regarding records.

- (3) Declassification of a letter of July 7, 1964, relating to Mexican Immigration Department records, 46 enclosures of which had been forwarded with it. We do not have records that show the reasons why documents were classified or declassified. Presumably the classified documents relating to investigation of Oswald's trip to Mexico were classified because relations with a foreign country were involved. We released this document when we could do so in accordance with the file for Oswald's Mexico trip.
- (4) Declassification of a letter of J. Lee Rankin to J. Edgar Hoover of April 24, 1964. This letter was withheld from release in our 1975 report on the grounds that it dealt with the activities of Oswald and the question of foreign relations with Mexico. It was among the records the Department of Justice requested us to continue to withhold by its letter of April 18, 1973 (item 3 above). It was declassified and released by a letter of January 24, 1975, from the Department of Justice in response to our letter of July 31, 1974. We have been unable to identify the dossier Rankin referred to in this letter.
- (5) Documents relating to the withholding and release of the FBI letterhead memorandum (LHM) on the report with Tami M. Smith (Commission Document 124). (1) LHM to the Director of part of the portion of Commission Report No. 100, dated 1964, by the Department of Justice, dated January 24, 1975, (item 4 above) except the portion relating to the report of the Commission dated January 24, 1975, and the Commission's authority for the release of 100-124 with the declassification of the part of the file containing 100-124 in accordance with E.O. 11652, § 1.2(c).
- (6) Report dated October 27, 1959, dealing with Oswald's hospitalization. As stated in our letter of June 17, 1975, the page relating to Oswald's Moscow hospitalization on October 27, 1959, is from the Oswald-July Chronology in the Commission's records. It was previously withheld from release because it contained information from a document withheld from release.

- (7) Deleted in the Cole and Garrison memoranda on Oswald's foreign activities. The deleted material is dated to you under 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (5).
- (8) CIA intercepts or reports relating to what Forster told the CIA. No documents of this kind have been found in the records of the Commission.
- (9) Forster's records of any kind still withheld. These records consist of the following:

- (a) Letter of Forster to Malone, March 6, 1964.
- (b) Memorandum of Malone to Forster, Nichols, Ball and Felt, March 9, 1964.
- (c) Memorandum of Malone to Forster, March 12, 1964.
- (d) Memorandum of Malone to Forster, March 17, 1964.
- (e) Memorandum of Malone to Forster, July 23, 1964 (no names given).
- (f) Memorandum of Malone to Forster, August 22, 1964.
- (g) Transcript of Forster's interview with the Commission of June 23, 1964.
- (h) Perhaps page 43 of the transcript of the hearing of the Commission, which is dated 2/11/64, with the heading "Horse".

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- (i) Page 1 of the Commission Report 451.
- (j) ... of CD 451.

(7) (8) ... 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (5) ... deleted to you. ... report that ... relating to ... were inadvertently omitted in our previous letter to you.

- (1) ... of ... (CIA) ... 1967, which was ... to you.

of the records referred to in the note are denied to you under 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (5).

- (2) Letter of Thomas H. Karam, Deputy Director for Plans, CIA, to Robert H. Baker, Archivist of the United States, of October 2, 1967. This letter is denied to you under 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (1).
- (3) Letter of May 1, 1975, of Robert S. Young, FOI Coordinator, CIA, to James E. Woods, which can be made available to you.
- (4) Note of Martin H. Johnson (HARS) to Charles P. Dexter (CIA) July 20, 1974, and letter of John D. Morrison, Jr., Acting General Counsel, CIA, to James E. Woods, October 1, 1974, which can be made available to you.

(10) Declassification of certain records on July 13, 1975:

The declassification actions were taken to prevent the release of information which might be used by a researcher in order to identify the source of the information. The records were withheld from research in 1965 and 1970 at the request of the Department of Justice in its letters of July 13 and August 13, 1965, and January 27, February 13, 1970, as well as letters received from the Department of Justice on October 9, 1974, and January 9 and March 1, 1975, in denial to you under 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (6).

The specific records to which you refer in this request apparently are the following:

- (a) Pages 23-35 of Confidential Document 651 relating to Yuri Nosenko. These pages were withheld from research in 1965 and 1970 at the request of the Department of Justice in its letters of July 13 and August 13, 1965, and January 27, February 13, 1970, as well as letters received from the Department of Justice on October 9, 1974, and January 9 and March 1, 1975, in denial to you under 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (6). They were declassified by the letter of May 20, 1975, of the Department of Justice listed in item 4 of this request.
- (b) Confidential Document 651, pages 23-35, relating to Yuri Nosenko. This letter was withheld from research by the CIA in 1965 and 1970 at the request of the Department of Justice because of the release of the letter to the jurisdiction of Canada's National Intelligence Commission. The Department of Justice advised us to withhold the information which relates to the letter in its letters of July 13, 1965, and August 13, 1965, and January 27, February 13, 1970, and October 9, 1974, and January 9 and March 1, 1975, in denial to you under 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (6).

(1) Transcript of an oral history interview of the Coordinator of Security Information, dated January 22, 1975. A transcript was prepared by a Department of Defense cryptanalyst from the report's notes for that interview and classified on the basis of the classification of the report's notes. A copy of the transcript (MARS) to Mark S. G. (Department of Justice) of October 12, 1974, regarding a review of the transcript and the reply of the Department of February 26, 1975, will be furnished to you.

(2) The undated Coleman-Slamon memorandum on Oswald's foreign activities. Most of this memorandum was declassified by the National Archives on the basis of published information. A letter of Charles E. Savage (CIA) to James B. Rhoads relating to declassification of a portion of the memorandum is dated to you under 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (1).

Enclosed is a copy of the memorandum under 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) which includes a copy of the transcript. The transcript and notes are being furnished you for your information.

Information regarding to you separately concerning the security classification of the transcript is included to you in this letter.

For your information, the records to you in this letter to the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C. Records of security classified documents, which includes part of the transcript and the Coleman-Slamon memorandum on Oswald's foreign activities, are also being sent to the International Classification Review Committee, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Sincerely,



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