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Dear Mr. Lesar:

This is a follow-up to our letter dated 23 August 1988, and pertains to your 8 August 1988 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following:

"1. All personnel or other records which reflect a relationship between the CIA and Mr. George Herbert Walker Bush, the Vice President of the United States, prior to Mr. Bush's term as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

"2. All records which pertain in any way to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy or its investigation which mention George Bush or which were reviewed by him while he was Director of the Central Intelligence Agency."

With respect to Item 1, we have accepted that portion of your request which will be processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. §431. Our search will be for documents in existence as of and through the date of this acceptance letter.

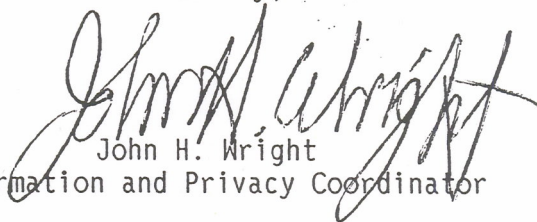
With respect to Item 2 of your request, the FOIA provides for public access to reasonably described records. This means that a document must be described sufficiently to enable a professional employee familiar with the subject to locate the document without an unreasonable amount of effort. This, with few exceptions, means that the documents must be locatable through the indexing to our various records systems. The FOIA does not require us to perform research or create records for a requester. Neither are we required to study a body of material to see if any of it is related to a specific event, activity, or incident, or whether it contains specific information, such as Vice President Bush's name in this instance. As you are aware, we have previously released over 3,000 pages of material pertaining to the Kennedy assassination. If you wish, you may purchase this material at ten cents per page and review it for the specific information you seek. In accordance with current fee guidelines, the first 100 pages of these documents will be provided without cost to you.

With respect to your request for a fee waiver, I have reviewed Item 1 of your request and have determined that fees will be waived in this instance. In reference to Item 2 of your request, because the documents referred to in paragraph three above have been previously released to numerous requesters, they are considered to be in the public domain and are not subject to the waiver provisions of the FOIA. Therefore, if you want that material, you will be required to pay copying fees as described above.

The justification for expedited processing provided by you has been thoroughly reviewed by this office. We have determined that the factors you give do not warrant the expeditious handling of your request. Accordingly, your request for expedited processing is denied.

The heavy volume of FOIA requests received by the Agency has created delays in processing. Since we cannot respond within the 10 working days stipulated by the Act, you have the right to consider this as a denial and may appeal to the CIA Information Review Committee. It would seem more reasonable, however, to have us continue processing your request and respond as soon as we can. You can appeal any denial of records at that time. Unless we hear from you otherwise, we will assume that you agree, and we will proceed on this basis. You will be provided with the results of our search as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John H. Wright".

John H. Wright
Information and Privacy Coordinator