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Mr. Paul L. Hoch
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Dear Mr. Hoch:

This responds to that portion of your letter of 17 March which noted errors in the sanitized version of document #448 among the materials released on the John F. Kennedy assassination and the investigation thereof.

Enclosed is a more complete and accurate version prepared as a result of your alerting us to this matter. We regret that the replaced version had not received the proper review before being sent to the various recipients.

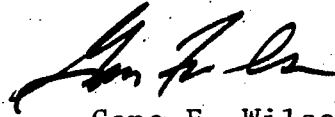
By way of explanation, the fact of "Agency official" being shown in the several areas of deleted material indicates that this version was prepared for one or more of the investigations (Rockefeller Commission, the Church Committee of the Senate, the Pike Committee of the House), inasmuch as this practice is not part of the normal response to Freedom of Information Act requests. Probably in the extreme rush of trying to accomplish the search, review and necessary sanitization required in the support of those investigations, inadequate supervision and review was rendered on the handling of this particular document.

We apologize to you and to all others who are actively dealing with the substance of the materials released on the CIA's support to the Warren Commission's investigation of the assassination. We thank you for calling this problem to our attention, and assure you that all remaining packages of this material will contain the corrected version.



Finally, it would be helpful to us in responding to your 17 March 1976 formal statement of FOIA request if you would send us a copy of your 24 March 1975 memorandum to the Rockefeller Commission which you say contains allegations concerning CIA activities and the Warren Commission investigation.

Sincerely,



Gene F. Wilson
Information and Privacy Coordinator

15 April 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Commission Contact, 15 April 1975

1. Bob Olsen called me today to say that Dr. Shannon of the President's Commission has received a very detailed scholarly 25-page document written by a Californian named Paul L. Hoch on CIA relations with the Warren Commission and various figures involved in the assassination history.

2. Shannon believes that the treatise is worthy of examination. It's a paper prepared, not for publication, but as a "think piece" for the Commission's consideration in the investigation of CIA.

3. The author recommends, at the end of his paper, that David Belin not get directly involved in investigating the points raised in the paper because of Belin's strong association with the views that there was no conspiracy in the Kennedy assassination.

4. Olsen said he has agreed with Dr. Shannon and with Mr. Belin that Olsen will be the one to look into this. He will obviously need help from the Agency in doing so and Olsen asked my advice on how to proceed. I explained that much of the detail surrounding this topic is 12 years or more old and there are few around with detailed knowledge. We do have the files of what we have provided the Warren Commission and there may be other material which will be of assistance.

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