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Dear Ms Smith

Illness has prevented me from replying sooner to your letter of August 11, 1975. Please excuse me.

In that letter you gave me permission to see the Zapruder film and slides made therefrom on equipment brought to the Archives by me and operated by Archives personnel. I have been advised by people who presumably know whereof they speak all I would need for my purpose would be an editing table, they said, with two control knobs or dials with which to move the film across the lighted surface of the editing table, either forward or backward, at varying speeds. It sounds reasonable. I wonder if the Archives has such a table. The rooms in which I saw the film and slides on my last visit seemed impressively equipped. Can you advise me?

With respect to the FBI Summary Report of December 9, 1963 I am advised that a good part of the 396 p. are exhibits which need not be ordered when ordering the text of the report. Perhaps I had better see for myself when I visit the Archives again.

There is one matter about which I would appreciate information. A NY Times piece, New Doubts Raised Over the Warren Report by Lack of Reference to a Purported Soviet Defector, issue of October 10, 1975, p.19, paragraph three in column one, reads as follows:

"An internal working memorandum of the commission, now in the hands of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, recounts in detail Mr. Nosenko's assurances that the K.G.B., the Soviet intelligence service, never tried to recruit Lee Harvey Oswald ... during Oswald's residence in the Soviet Union."

And

"The statements of Nosenko," according to the memorandum's authors, W. David Slawson and William T. Coleman, ..."

And

"Nothing in that memorandum, however, or in the nine-page interview of Mr. Nosenko by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on which it is based..."

Are the two documents referred to above, the Slawson-Coleman memorandum and the nine-page FBI interview of Nosenko on which the memo is based, available for research? If they are may I obtain copies quickly?

Also, in column seven of the same Times piece, there is the following: "Meanwhile, two interviews with Oswald by the FBI in the summer of 1962, shortly after he returned from the Soviet Union, were reported to day." Are these two interviews available for research? May I obtain copies?

Very truly yours,

  
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