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Honorable William Webster  
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Dear Mr. Webster:

I have contacted the Department of Justice before on behalf of Professor Philip Melanson of Southeastern Massachusetts University and others who have requested documents regarding the Robert F. Kennedy assassination under a Freedom of Information Act Request.

I am pleased to see that many of these documents are being released. My concern is that the FBI is liberally claiming exemptions from the Freedom of Information Act when it comes to releasing the names of law enforcement personnel connected with the investigation of the assassination. I urge you to release these names.

Eighteen years have passed since the assassination. We have reached a moment when these events have passed into history, yet most of those who witnessed this tragedy or played some part in the investigation can still meet their obligation to history by allowing serious historians access to their first hand information and insight.

There is no longer anything to gain by withholding relevant information from the public. I hope that you will review FBI policy in light of society's obligation to the scholarly research of this matter.

  
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Sylvia -

FYI,

in great haste

hope we can

chat soon.

Best,

Phil

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