

February 26, 1975

Federal Bureau of Investigation
US Dept. of Justice
9th and Penn. Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Sir:

This is a request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act as amended (5 U.S.C. Sec. 552).

I request access to the following files for purpose of inspection, and if I so choose copying:

- 1) All data, reports, files, photographs, films, interviews, transcripts, tapes, video tapes, memoranda, computer printouts, drawings, diagrams, and all other information now maintained in the National Archives or elsewhere, under your control or jurisdiction, relative to the work of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy including all material prepared for that investigation whether or not it was shown to members of the President's Commission; and all other material arguably relevant to the investigation into the deaths of President Kennedy, Lee Harvey Oswald and police officer J.D. Tippit and the surrounding circumstances.
- 2) All files, documents and other information made available to any staff member, counsel or member of the President's Commission regarding my own activities.
- 3) All material relevant to Lee Harvey Oswald maintained in the National Archives or elsewhere, under your control or jurisdiction, in anyway arguably relevant to the study by the President's Commission into Oswald's background including the CIA computer printout consisting, I have been informed, of some twenty-six pages regarding Lee Harvey Oswald.
- 4) All material relevant to Jack Ruby, ~~RECORDED~~ ~~INDEXED~~ ~~FILED~~ maintained in the National Archives or elsewhere, under your control or jurisdiction, in anyway arguably relevant to the study by the President's Commission into Ruby's background.

As you know, the amended Act provides that if some parts of a file are exempt from release that "reasonably segregable" portions shall be provided. I therefore, request that if you determine that any

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portion of a requested document is exempt you provide me immediately with access to the remainder of the document. I, of course, specifically reserve my right to appeal any decision on your part which denies to me access to any document or to any portion of any document and an examination of a portion of a document may not be taken by you to be a waiver of my right to examine all portions of all of the requested documents.

If you determine that some of the documents or any portion of any document is exempt from release I request that you specifically advise me as to which exemption you believe to be applicable and the specific reasons therefor regarding any material you refuse to make available.

I believe that since it is likely that all of the requested material may have been collected and maintained by you in one location there should be no fee charged.

If you determine that a fee might be involved since the Act permits you to reduce or waive the fees if that "is in the public interest because furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefiting the public" and since it is apparent that this request is made in the public interest I request that you waive any such fee. Should there be any question about fees or in any other area, please telephone me at (202) 544-5380.

I expect to receive a reply to this request within ten working days as required by the amended Act.

Sincerely,



Mark Lane

cc Office of the National Archives
Department of Defense
Central Intelligence Agency
U.S. Secret Service

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Mr. Mark Lane
Center for National
Security Studies
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Dear Mr. Lane:

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 26th and received on February 28th, which requested access to certain information which may be contained in FBI files.

The information you have requested is broad in scope and in some instances will be compiled in files of extensive volume. As you know, the recently amended Freedom of Information Act requires disclosure of material contained in investigatory records of the type maintained by the FBI, but provides for exemption of certain material including that specified in Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 (b) (7). This involves a page-by-page review of our records for a determination of what material is subject to exemption under the Act, and a resolution of what, if any, "reasonably segregable" portion of the record may be made available. We have experienced this is, of necessity, a time consuming task involving determination of many complex legal and factual issues.

We are aware of the time limitations imposed by the Freedom of Information Act with respect to response to requests and the spirit and intent of this legislation in this regard. I can assure you where material can be readily identified as subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act, this will be done.

We are currently experiencing an extremely heavy volume of requests for information, generated by the recent amendments to the Freedom of Information Act, and have added personnel to our staff for the purpose of processing these requests. In view of this backlog of work I am unable to give you a specific date regarding any release of documents, but wish to advise you the matter is being handled as promptly as possible.

Sincerely yours,

G. M. Kelley

Clarence H. Kelley
Director

The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure
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Mr. Mark Lane.

NOTE: Requester is author of the book "Rush to Judgement" and is a well-known critic of the Warren Commission and the investigation of the John F. Kennedy assassination. His request obviously will involve review of an overwhelming volume of material and at best can only be made on a piece-meal basis.