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IN REPLY REFER TO
NIC-001/032
27 March 1975

Mr. Paul L. Hoch
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Dear Mr. Hoch,

Your letter of 7 March 1975 to the General Counsel, Department of Defense submitted pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act as amended by P.L. 93-502, was referred to this office for response.

A thorough search of the "Office of Naval Intelligence" file on Lee Harvey Oswald was undertaken; however, copies of the CIA message to which you referred could not be located. The notation "G2-USMC" on the 10 October 1973 message was followed-up with the Marine Corps, but their search results were also negative.

Your letter also requested explanation of the stamp "NISG-F5 139 Nov 14 1963" which appeared on the reverse side of an Oswald photograph. The Naval Intelligence Support Group (NISG) was a predecessor organization of the Naval Investigative Service. F5 was a designation for the file repository. The number 139 was the identifier of the person making the transaction. The remainder, of course, represents the date of the transaction.

Your request also inquired about CGASARFOUR Ft. Sam Houston, Texas message P230405Z Nov 63. Although the files of the Naval Investigative Service contain a copy of that message, copies of previous communications referred to therein are not held. Accordingly, that part of your request is being referred to the U.S. Army for response.

The Freedom of Information Act as amended by P.L. 93-502 makes provisions for reasonable search and duplication fees. The search fees are assessable irrespective of the search results. In this case, the nature of the request required the utilization of professional level personnel to conduct the search with a resultant fee of \$88.00. Your letter suggested that a waiver of fee might be in order; however, you provided no rationale as to why release of the record(s) to you would qualify for such a waiver. Enclosure (2) of DoD Directive 5400.7 may aid you in framing such justification.

In the absence of a waiver being granted, you should remit a check in the amount indicated made payable to the Treasurer of the United States. A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Sincerely,

BARNEY MARTIN
Captain, U.S. Navy
Director,
Naval Investigative Service.