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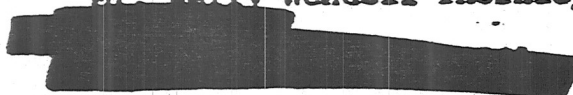
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Mr. Jerry Wendell Thornley



Dear Mr. Thornley:

Receipt of your payment of fees as previously requested is acknowledged.

In response to your request for information in FBI files concerning you, a search of the index to our central records system revealed no information to indicate that you have been the subject of an investigation by the FBI.

However, this search did reveal several incidental references to your name in connection with our investigation of the John F. Kennedy assassination. We have completed the processing of these references and are enclosing documents subject to disclosure. Deletions have been made and other documents have been withheld in their entirety pursuant to one or more of the following subsections of Title 5, United States Code, Section 552:

- (b) (2) materials related solely to the internal rules and practices of the FBI;
- (b) (5) inter-agency or intra-agency documents which are not available through discovery proceedings during litigation; or documents whose disclosure would have an inhibitive effect upon the development of policy and administrative direction; or which represent the work product of an attorney-client relationship;
- (b) (7) investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the disclosure of which would:

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Mr. Kerry Wendell Thornley

- (D) reveal the identity of an individual who has furnished information to the FBI under confidential circumstances or reveal information furnished only by such a person and not apparently known to the public or otherwise accessible to the FBI by overt means;
- (F) endanger the life or physical safety of law enforcement personnel.

A review of our central files has revealed one document pertaining to you which originated with the United States Secret Service. Since release of this document is more properly a decision of the agency from which it originated, this Bureau is referring the document to the U. S. Secret Service, which will respond directly to you regarding its decision.

In addition to the enclosed material and the document mentioned above, a search of our central files has revealed the following miscellaneous documents in which your name is mentioned: Report of the Presidents Commission on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy (pages 385-386, 388-389, and 686); and The Hearing Before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy (Testimony, Volume XI, Pages 82-115; referred to, Volume VIII, pages 228 and 301; Volume XI, page 336). Inasmuch as these are Government documents available to the public domain through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20401, copies are not being forwarded to you by this Bureau. Also included in our files is a copy of your book entitled Oswald. A copy of this book will not be forwarded to you unless you so request.

You have thirty days from receipt of this letter to appeal to the Attorney General from any denial contained herein. Appeals should be directed in writing

Mr. Kerry Wendell Thornley

to the Attorney General (Attention: Freedom of Information Appeals Unit), Washington, D. C. 20530. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal."

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

Enclosures (45)

- 1 - Assistant Attorney General for Administration - Enclosure
Attention: FOIPA Administrative Unit Room 1134
- 1 - SAC, Atlanta (FOIPA info)

NOTE for SAC, Atlanta: Requester is former acquaintance of Lee Harvey Oswald and is mentioned in approximately 45 "see" references in Bufiles. 106 pages from these references are being released to requester. In addition, one document is being referred to the United States Secret Service. Per telephonic contact on 6/17/76 with Marion Johnson, Archives, approval to release letters between this Bureau and the Warren Commission was received, inasmuch as such letters are available to the public. "See" references have been processed since Thornley narrowed his request to the JFK assassination investigation.