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Dear Mr. Wilson,

Your letter of the 9th and the documents referred to in it came today and not in good condition.

I think it is past time for the CIA to add to all the arcane skills it has acquired over the years a capability for the mundane, like wrapping packages. This is an area of commonplace endeavor in which I have acquired a certain expertise, I believe with some ineffectiveness to the Agency.

If you prefer a twice to tape for wrappings then your people could save such twine by using less of it and produce a better package by tying each course of twice to those it intersects. The factor of reinforcement from this is enormous. However, hand dispensers of strapping tape are readily available, low in cost, faster than tying knots (and your people should learn the difference between square knots and granny knots, as most Boy Scouts do) and the tape itself provides additional protection and security regardless of the width of tape used.

To wrap a parcel five inches thick your people used a thinner grade of kraft paper than I use in wrapping a book. The result is that although they did use several thicknesses (another waste) there is not one of the six surfaces of the package that came today that was not torn. Only the exorbitant waste of twice kept the whole thing from coming apart.

However, because of this the twine did cut into the contents where the paper tore. This was made easier because of all these many courses of twine not one was ~~xxx~~ reinforced or restricted by connection with any other.

The binding of a book and its much smaller size give it a certain integrity and security. Nonetheless, I do not mail any book without reinforcing and when there is more than a single book in a package I never fail to use a cardboard backing. Of me this requires that I cut waste cardboard by hand. I am confident the Agency has machines that do this better and faster and that it is not without the means of buying it cut to size. A little cardboard in this package would have made a big difference. I do not recall a time when it was safe or wise to mail a stack of individual sheets of paper five inches thick without more than a layer of relatively thin paper as the only wrapping material.

Some of the pages are undamaged. None is damaged beyond use, from a cursory examination. However, I do not pay this kind of money for damaged pages and I will be leaving this batch as part of a permanent unofficial archive. Nonetheless my check for \$67.70 is enclosed, subject to remission request, already filed.

I have another complaint. From skimming these pages most are not legal-sized. Most people, including writers, do not have legal-sized files. Legal-sized paper also costs the government more. Merely filing these pages will more than double the file space they will consume, with the alternative more costly still, that I hire someone to cut them to normal, letter size. I therefore question the use of legal-sized paper only in the making of these copies.

I am herewith asking for another set of these records, with all these not of legal-sized originals to be on letter-sized paper. If you ask for an added payment for this I will send you that check, subject again to the reservations I have already recorded. I also ask that these records be sent in a manner that offers a reasonable prospect of their going 50 miles and reaching me intact, undefered. I am asking that if they not be carefully boxed, which is again a norm, they at least be properly wrapped, meaning with something more than thin paper.

Your letter cites my request F-75-6669 only. It makes no reference to recent correspondence that reached you well before this letter of yours and it fails to respond

in any manner. It also makes no reference to my FOIA/PA requests for the records or relating to me after about six years and how many appeals? Yet merely looking at the first couple of pages in each separation leaves not the slightest doubt that these records come from these kinds of files. As I have previously informed you, by other means I do have copies of some of these records you first lied about and now continue to withhold from me.

On the basis of your misrepresentations of the FOIA exemptions I believe there is ~~an~~ adequate basis for an appeal from the denials in Batch D and this is my appeal. I do not believe I have to consult the text of the Act to state that you do not fairly or faithfully reflect it in what you say of (b)(2), no more than "applies to internal personnel rules and practices." I could refer you to binding decisions but I am certain you and your counsel knew these better than I do.

In this connection you also claim a need to protect sources and hide names. I know this is frivolous, so I ask that you provide me with a first-person, written and signed statement that all the sources are entirely secret, not in any way known to others, and that in each and every instance where a CIA name is obliterated it is a secret name. In my belief if these conditions are not met you have invoked the exemptions not only without reason or justification but in deliberate and intended violation of both the letter and the spirit of the Acts, mean this to include your claim to (b)(7)(F) and to include a statement that in each instance it is (a) a law enforcement officer and (b) one not so known publicly.

I am also asking ~~when~~ <sup>that</sup> when my relevant requests are six years old and the one to which you now say this response is a 1975 request and we are now in 1977, why I am hearing about the contents of these records that reached me only today after ~~the~~ transcontinental mailings of copies that are being read by those who have full-time jobs. Why have you not responded to my inquiry relating to my reading of these records in the papers long before they were provided to me, in your own words in response to a request of year before last under a 46-day law.

There is no single word in your letter that relates to those known as critics of the Warren Report - of whom I am the first to do a book - long as your letter was written after the syndicated stories.

What you describe as an index is that with regard to negatives only - to what is absent. Long ago I asked for this with regard to what you have not consigned to the memory hole. If there is an index of positive nature, meaning what you have not eliminated, I herewith renew a standing request for it. What ~~you~~ you have not eliminated, it would once have been safe to assume, is what remains and that to which an index could be useful.

My apologies for the typing.

Sincerely,

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Dear Sir:

You will recall from previous correspondence concerning your request, F-75-6669, that the Central Intelligence Agency has been reviewing its files relating to the investigation of the Kennedy assassination for the purpose of responding to various Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requesters. The Lee Harvey Oswald file contains the majority of such documents and the review of that file has now been completed. As a result, another batch of documents is now available.

This batch, labelled "D", consists of 253 documents for a total of 971 pages of material. Of these, 197 are new or previously denied material. To recipients of the earlier releases, such as yourself, the cost is \$85.70. A copy of batch "D" is enclosed. Please remit your check or money order for that amount. It should be made payable to the Treasurer of the United States.

In the process of reviewing all of the documents in the Lee Harvey Oswald file, a total of 1,194 CIA documents were reviewed. A Document Disposition Index has been prepared which describes the handling of each of the CIA documents reviewed. The index describes the kind of information which was deleted from many of the documents that have been released. The index also describes the nature of the documents denied in their entirety. The numbering system used on the index warrants a brief explanation. The first number indicates the order in which the documents appear in the Agency files. The second number, the one after the hyphen, indicates the number assigned to the document in the first review which was completed in March 1976. During that review the documents released were numbered serially in two groups: Documents released and documents denied. When letters appear after the second hyphen,



it is to designate a document which was not incorporated in the list during the first review.

The Index consists of 271 pages and an addendum sheet stapled to page 271. A copy of that Index is also enclosed. There is no charge for the Index.

The index also cites the various exemptions provided in the FOIA which made the deletions and denials necessary. A brief explanation of the exemptions used in the review is set forth below.

Exemption (b)(1) applies to material or information which is properly classified pursuant to Section 1 of Executive Order 11652, and is exempt from release under Section 5(B) of that same Order.

Exemption (b)(2) applies to internal personnel rules and practices. The material withheld under this exemption includes Agency internal filing instructions.

Exemption (b)(3) applies to matters that are specifically exempted from disclosure by statute. The applicable statutes are 50 U.S.C. 403(d)(3), which makes the Director of Central Intelligence responsible for protecting sources and methods, and 50 U.S.C. 403g, which exempts the Agency from any other law requiring the publication or disclosure of the organization, functions, names, official titles, salaries or numbers of personnel employed by the Agency.

Exemption (b)(5) applies to matters such as intra-agency memoranda which are consultative or advisory in nature.

Exemption (b)(6) applies to matters, the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted violation of personal privacy.

Exemption (b)(7)(F) applies to the identities of U.S. law enforcement officers.

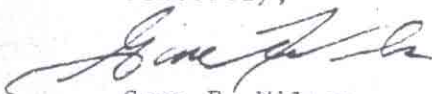
The review is continuing. A number of other files were established during the process of the investigation. The Agency intends to review all such files to insure that the selection of documents reviewed is as complete as possible. The remaining files will contain a higher percentage of duplicate copies of documents already reviewed than has been the case until this point. Consequently, the review will likely become more time consuming and less

productive of releasable documents. As subsequent increments of files are reviewed, releasable copies of documents and supplements to the Document Disposition Index will be prepared. You will be alerted to the availability of such material.

Please find enclosed also copies of four other documents. These are corrected versions of documents you received earlier bearing the same number. The numbers are 791-346-A, 793-870, 794-871 and 795-871-A. There is no charge for these copies.

We thank you for your patience and consideration.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

1. Batch "D"
2. Index
3. Copies of Four Documents