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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20523

Rec'd
Nov. 9, 1966

November 7, 1966

[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your letter of Oct. 21 has been referred to this office. Since there is some confusion as to the proper recipient, I am sending you information about the Agency for International Development, one of whose predecessors was the Foreign Operations Administration.

In the meantime, I am forwarding your letter to the State Department Office of Security which has a Division of Foreign Operations.

I trust, between this office and that in the State Department, you will receive the correct information.

Sincerely,

Jerry E. Rosenthal

Jerry E. Rosenthal
Chief, News Division
Information Staff

Harold
Weisberg

Excuse me, did you say write a letter to your congressman...?

I decided to see if I could wake up my senator long enough to
get interested in the assassination.....

Meanwhile, my less diplomatic wife wrote to the President,
and received an answer from somebody in the Justice Department.....

Department of Justice
Washington 20530

September 13, 1966

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

President Johnson has brought to my attention your letter of August 25, 1966 urging that clarification be made of the findings of the Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy in light of the theories put forth in several recently published works.

Those individuals who possessed information pertinent to the events in Dallas were allowed ample opportunity to present same to the Commission while it remained in session. To my knowledge, no new evidence has become available which has been deemed sufficient to warrant reconvening the Commission or altering the basic conclusions contained in its Report.

Your interest and concern in writing to the President are appreciated.

Sincerely,



FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

Then, I hear from my Senator.....

THOMAS H. KUCHEL
CALIFORNIA



United States Senate

September 21, 1966

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

I feel the special commission which investigated circumstances surrounding the lamentable assassination of former President Kennedy, headed by Chief Justice Warren, was a dedicated body, determined to pursue its difficult assignment with objectivity and earnestness, and performed a valuable public service.

The members were outstanding, knowledgeable, conscientious American citizens, including several of the most widely-respected Members of Congress, and I am confident they were aware constantly of the importance of their task. They are the type of individuals who by habit are painstaking and thorough.

I am in no position, on the other hand, to judge the competence or qualifications of various lesser-known authors of the several critical commentaries which have appeared lately casting doubt on the validity of the so-called Warren Commissions conclusions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas H. Kuchel".

THOMAS H. KUCHEL
United States Senator

K:Fh

Infuriated at the casual response to my wife's letter to LBJ, E
wrote a letter to Vinson, spelling out the items that bothered me.....
He replied. (I found item number ~~ONE~~ ^{ONE} appalling!)

NOTE: Page one is an original, typed, letter. Page two is a
mimeographed "form-letter". (Maybe I'm not the only one
writing...?)

Department of Justice
Washington 20530

October 10, 1966

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I am in receipt of your letter of September 19, 1966 and must express regret in your considered dissatisfaction with my response to your wife's recent suggestion that the public interest would be served by reconvening the Warren Commission accompanied by a clarification of certain of its findings. I repeat that I am aware of no present plans to reopen the Commission's inquiry.

Indeed, at the present time only a small portion of the total amount of material collected by the Commission remains unavailable to the public. The material that is being withheld falls into three principal categories.

1. Defense information that is classified TOP SECRET, SECRET, or CONFIDENTIAL because its unauthorized disclosure would cause grave damage to the Nation, would jeopardize the international relations of the country, or would prejudice our defense.
2. Information, the release of which is barred by express statute, such as information derived from internal revenue (income) tax returns.
3. Information, the release of which would prejudice the outcome of the trial of Jack Ruby.

The material withheld pending the termination of the Ruby case will be released as soon as that case is completed. In addition, provision has been made for periodic reviews of all other Commission material which has not been released for public inspection until all such material is made available to the public.

You may be interested to know that Mr. Mark Lane appeared as a witness before the Commission on two different occasions and thus had ample opportunity to disclose to appropriate officials any and all information which he had in his possession.

. Your confidence in writing is appreciated.

Sincerely,



FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

Then, I turn with anxious heart to J. Edgar.....



Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir: (whoever reads Mr. Hoover's mail)

Would you please answer these three questions for me? I will not presume to have Mr. Hoover answer, but please give me an official - not a personal - answer. Thank you.

- (1) Is the Federal Bureau of Investigation completely and officially satisfied with the conclusions drawn by the Warren Commission...?
- (2) Is the Bureau in any measure skeptical about the final report (especially in view of recent books attacking the final report, and pointing toward a conspiracy)...?
- (3) Is the FBI taking any further steps to look into the assassination and the subsequent "report", or do you consider it a closed case...?
- (4) Is the FBI satisfied with the handling of your own reports by the commission, or do you feel unwarranted assumptions have been drawn from the reports your men made...?
- (5) Does the FBI officially accept the "lone assassin" theory; the "single-bullet" theory; and, the "Oswald killed Tippitt" theory...?
- (6) This may seem facetious, but I want to know:
WHO KILLED PRESIDENT KENNEDY...? WHY...? WHEN WILL
THE ASSASSINS BE APPREHENDED AND TRIED...?

Anxiously awaiting any response, I remain,

Yours:


October 20, '66

cc: File

And, get my answer. (I wonder if his signature is worth anything?)
(The letter isn't)

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

November 10, 1966

[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

With reference to your communication of November 1, 1966, this is to advise that all the material developed by the FBI in connection with our investigation of the assassination of former President Kennedy was turned over to the Warren Commission for its consideration and the results of our inquiry into this matter were subsequently made available to the National Archives by the Warren Commission.

In view of the foregoing, it is suggested answers to any questions you may have concerning the work performed by the Warren Commission or the FBI would be available through review at the National Archives.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

A local San Francisco man has found a reference in the WCR to the Oswald passport-approval (to return to the US) being okayed by - among others - the Division of Foreign Operations, Security Office, Department of State. After checking a bit, it appears the office was not in existence at that time.....

SO, I decided to check it out...

(COPY OF MY LETTER IS AT HOME, I'LL GET YOU A COPY)

This is the second letter.

Dear Sir:

In response to a listener's request, I wrote your office for information on October 21st. I addressed it to the Department of State only, and it went to Jerry Rosenthal who is the Chief of the News Information Staff of A-I-D.

Well, I got information on the wrong agency.

Please excuse this persistence, but I'm getting asked daily about the information.

Mr. Rosenthal forwarded my letter to your office on or about November 7th, and I've heard nothing.

I'd like to know exactly when the Division of Foreign Operations was formed.

And, I'd like a copy of the memo, directive, order, or whatever, that organized it - or authorized its formation.

And, I'd like to know who organized it.

And, who have served as administrators since its founding.

Thank you for your help.


DIVISION OF FOREIGN OPERATIONS,
SECURITY DIVISION,
DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dec. 14, 1966

Please be judicious in your selections from these letters (if any) for publication. Even with my name and address omitted, the use of any extensive quote might be identified, and tracked to me. Whereupon I could lose my job, for being so closely connected with ... how do they say it ... GRAVE-DIGGERS, MUCK-RAKERS, MONEY-HUNGRY JOURNALISTIC SCAVENGERS.....

Keep at it, by God, and we'll answer those questions yet.....