

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT;
PAUL L. HOCH

DATE: June 30, 1970

- 1 - Mr. C. B. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. K. M. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
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Paul L. Hoch is the Berkeley, California, man who has been making inquiries about the assassination of President Kennedy for at least the last five years. On a memorandum dated 10/6/69 concerning Hoch, the Director noted, "I dislike the humming of a character like Hoch who is obviously a 'smear' artist."

Deputy Attorney General has referred Hoch's current three requests for our comments and recommendations. First request deals with location and identification of enclosures to one of our letters to the Warren Commission. Archives has the letter and some of the enclosures are identified in Warren Commission Report. We have no objection to Department advising Archives of identity of all enclosures to facilitate location of them, and this is essentially Hoch's request. Second request deals with documents kept from public because they contain personal information about mental condition of a man, an innocent person, which could embarrass him. Our position remains unchanged, that these records still fall within one of the Guidelines originally established to protect the innocent. The third request deals with material in the New Orleans file on the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). We recommend not giving this material to Hoch because substance is already publicly available at Archives and items are contained in investigator files compiled for law enforcement purposes. We are enclosing for review by the Department pertinent serials from the New Orleans file so Department can see for itself that these are from our "raw" files.

ACTION: Attached for approval is letter to the Deputy Attorney General, commenting on information Hoch is seeking and setting forth our position.

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