



March 22, 1972

Honorable Richard H. Ichord
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Ichord:

This is in reply to your letter of March 16, 1972, requesting copies of certain documents among the records of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy.

Enclosed are copies of Commission Documents 78 and 872, which have been made available for research by the Department of Justice. The remaining documents listed in your letter are withheld from research at the request of the agencies that originated them, and the majority of them bear security classifications.

We have, therefore, referred copies of your letter to the Department of State, the Department of Justice, and the Central Intelligence Agency. We shall inform you as soon as we hear from those agencies.

Sincerely,

James E. O'Neill

JAMES E. O'NEILL
Acting Archivist
of the United States

Enclosures

cc: Honorable Richard G. Kleindienst,
Department of Justice

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- 1 - Mr. A. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. E. S. Miller
- 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan

The Acting Attorney General

April 5, 1972

- 1 - Mr. L. Whitson

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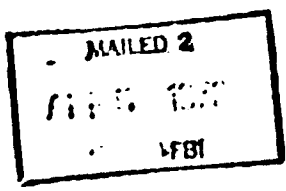
REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO FBI RECORDS - CONGRESSMAN RICHARD H. ICHORD (DEMOCRAT - MISSOURI)

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Reference is made to your communication of March 30, 1972, regarding a request made by Congressman Richard H. Ichord, Chairman of the House Committee on Internal Security, for copies of certain documents furnished by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the President's Commission on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Research is being conducted regarding the specific documents requested and other documents to which they make reference. As soon as all pertinent items have been reviewed, this Bureau will be able to reply in detail to your communication.

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NOTE:

On March 16, 1972, Congressman Ichord requested 11 Warren Commission documents from National Archives. Five of these originated with the FBI, one with State and five with CIA. Two of the Bureau documents had been made available by the Department for research and copies were furnished to Congressman Ichord by Archives. On March 21 the Archivist of the U.S. referred the request for the other three FBI documents to The Acting Attorney General. The three documents which have been withheld from public scrutiny under departmental guidelines make reference to other documents and research is being conducted to determine how much of a "Pandora's box" will be opened by release of these particular documents.

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