

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TO : J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, FBI

DATE: JUL 10 1971

FROM : Thomas E. Kauper  
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Office of Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act, Appeal of Paul L. Hoch

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This memorandum relates to Paul L. Hoch's appeal from the Deputy Attorney General's May 7, 1971, denial of his December 9, 1970, request for various documents relating to the Kennedy assassination. In order to dispose of Mr. Hoch's appeal we need certain further information not included in your January 4, 1971, memorandum to the Deputy Attorney General on the subject of his initial request. We would also welcome any comments you might wish to make on the disposition of this appeal.

1. The Deputy Attorney General denied Mr. Hoch access to three pages of Warren Commission documents still listed as unavailable to the public.

A. In connection with his appeal from the denial of his request for CD 75, pages 400 and 426, Mr. Hoch claims that the Warren Commission published versions of those pages (CE No. 1141, pages 22 H 126 and 22 H 139) from which material had been deleted. He requests release of the material deleted, if any. In order to dispose of his appeal from the denial of these two pages, we need to know whether material was deleted and, if so, what it was.

B. To dispose of his appeal from the denial of his request for CD 653, page 2, none of which page we understand has been released, we need a copy of that page. Mr. Hoch apparently believes that the page relates to confidential material obtained from banks, telephone companies, schools, etc.

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2. In pressing his request for all records of interviews with Carlos Quiroga on appeal, Mr. Hoch specifically asks about a record of a possible contact initiated by Quiroga with the FBI on August 16, 1963, concerning a hand-out of communist literature by Oswald on that day (page 4 of Hoch's appeal). As we read your January 4 memorandum, it does not state that such a record does not exist. In order to dispose of Mr. Hoch's appeal on this point we need to know whether such a record exists, and if it does, we need a copy.

3. Your January 4 memorandum stated that the FBI has no record of any interview with Edward S. Butler other than CD 231, page 18. Mr. Hoch persists in his belief that such a record exists, and supplies some additional information about it on page 5 of his letter. If that information warrants a further search of your records, please inform us of the results of that search and supply us with a copy of the records found, if any, within the scope of this request.