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Dr. James Rhoads, Archivist
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Dear Dr. Rhoads,

In his article in the May issue of Resident and Staff Physician, Dr. John Latimer refers to public records I should like to obtain. Both are mentioned on page 47.

The first is a record of the "spoiling" of some of the autopsy files "deliberately by one of the agents present".

The second is "the list signed by the men who did the autopsy," and a similar list signed by the members of Attorney General Clark's panel of experts.

Neither of these is included in or covered by the so-called letter agreement. I do not presume you would withhold these from me, having shown them to another when they are not enumerated in the contract, but if the thought is entertained, I would remind you that court decisions under 5 U.S.C. 552 hold that if the right to withhold exists, any use by government waives that right. Your own regulations require equal access to all.

I would also like a copy of each document in the name file of Richmond C. Harper, Eagle Pass, Texas, also known as "Eito" and if they refer to any pilot he used and there is a name file on that pilot, a copy of each document in it also, please.

In the December 1966 Esquire, E.J. Epstein wrote that a Commission lawyer asked the CIA about the current status of "Soviet 'mind conditioning techniques'." The CIA replied, the reply including the statement that "such techniques were still in a relatively primitive stage" and referring to the use of drugs. I should like to have a copy of the reply and any staff papers relevant thereto.

Sincerely,

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Since Oswald spent considerable time in a Soviet hospital, a few Commission lawyers entertained the theory that Oswald might have been brainwashed and conditioned as a " sleeper " assassin; then he went hay-wire (i.e. he was accidentally turned on). The Commission decided to send a letter to the C.I.A. requesting information on the " present status of Soviet ' mind-conditioning ' techniques. " A few weeks later, a C.I.A. agent replied that this possibility was still " a main school of thought " at the C.I.A. on the assassination, and although such techniques were still in a relatively primitive stage, this form of conditioning could be induced by drugs. The theory, however, was not further developed.