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February 26, 1975

Federal Bureau of Investigation
US Dept. of Justice
9th and Penn. Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Sir:

This is a request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act as amended (5 U.S.C. Sec. 552).

I request access to the following files for purpose of inspection, and if I so choose copying:

- 1) All data, reports, files, photographs, films, interviews, transcripts, tapes, video tapes, memoranda, computer printouts, drawings, diagrams, and all other information now maintained in the National Archives or elsewhere, under your control or jurisdiction, relative to the work of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy including all material prepared for that investigation whether or not it was shown to members of the President's Commission; and all other material arguably relevant to the investigation into the deaths of President Kennedy, Lee Harvey Oswald and police officer J.D. Tippit and the surrounding circumstances.
- 2) All files, documents and other information made available to any staff member, counsel or member of the President's Commission regarding my own activities.
- 3) All material relevant to Lee Harvey Oswald maintained in the National Archives or elsewhere, under your control or jurisdiction, in anyway arguably relevant to the study by the President's Commission into Oswald's background including the CIA computer printout consisting, I have been informed, of some twenty-six pages regarding Lee Harvey Oswald.
- 4) All material relevant to Jack Ruby, a ~~son~~ Jack Rubenstein, maintained in the National Archives or elsewhere, under your control or jurisdiction, in anyway arguably relevant to the study by the President's Commission into Ruby's background.

As you know, the amended Act provides that if some parts of a file are exempt from release that "reasonably segregable" portions shall be provided. I therefore, request that if you determine that any

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portion of a requested document is exempt you provide me immediately with access to the remainder of the document. I, of course, specifically reserve my right to appeal any decision on your part which denies to me access to any document or to any portion of any document and an examination of a portion of a document may not be taken by you to be a waiver of my right to examine all portions of all of the requested documents.

If you determine that some of the documents or any portion of any document is exempt from release I request that you specifically advise me as to which exemption you believe to be applicable and the specific reasons therefor regarding any material you refuse to make available.

I believe that since it is likely that all of the requested material may have been collected and maintained by you in one location there should be no fee charged.

If you determine that a fee might be involved since the Act permits you to reduce or waive the fees if that "is in the public interest because furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefiting the public" and since it is apparent that this request is made in the public interest I request that you waive any such fee. Should there be any question about fees or in any other area, please telephone me at (202) 544-5380.

I expect to receive a reply to this request within ten working days as required by the amended Act.

Sincerely,



Mark Lane

cc Office of the National Archives
Department of Defense
Central Intelligence Agency
U.S. Secret Service

March 14, 1975

Mr. Mark Lane
Center for National
Security Studies
122 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C. 20002

1-Mr. Mintz

Dear Mr. Lane:

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 26th and received on February 26th, which requested access to certain information which may be contained in FBI files.

The information you have requested is broad in scope and in some instances will be compiled in files of extensive volume. As you know, the recently amended Freedom of Information Act requires disclosure of material contained in investigatory records of the type maintained by the FBI, but provides for exemption of certain material including that specified in Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 (b) (7). This involves a page-by-page review of our records for a determination of what material is subject to exemption under the Act, and a resolution of what, if any, "reasonably segregable" portion of the record may be made available. We have experienced this is, of necessity, a time consuming task involving determination of many complex legal and factual issues.

We are aware of the time limitations imposed by the Freedom of Information Act with respect to response to requests and the spirit and intent of this legislation in this regard. I can assure you where material can be readily identified as subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act, this will be done.

We are currently experiencing an extremely heavy volume of requests for information, generated by the recent amendments to the Freedom of Information Act, and have added personnel to our staff for the purpose of processing these requests. In view of this backlog of work I am unable to give you a specific date regarding any release of documents, but wish to advise you the matter is being handled as promptly as possible.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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Mr. Mark Lane

NOTE: Requester is author of the book "Rush to Judgement" and is a well-known critic of the Warren Commission and the investigation of the John F. Kennedy assassination. His request obviously will involve review of an overwhelming volume of material and at best can only be made on a piece-meal basis.

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Sullivan

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: FIVE-YEAR REVIEW OF WARREN COMMISSION FILES

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley

DATE: September 16, 1970

- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Frazier
- 1 - Mr. Goble
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- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Brennan

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PURPOSE: To advise the Department requested the Bureau assist in the present five-year review of Warren Commission files contained in the National Archives to determine what material relating to the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy can now be released. Action has been taken to handle this request.

BACKGROUND: The Attorney General (AG) was advised by letter dated 8/10/65 we completed the project of reviewing past records of the Warren Commission on file in the Archives. This review was conducted in accordance with guidelines approved by the Honorable McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President on 4/19/65. The guidelines also indicated these records had to be reviewed every five years to determine what other material could be released.

On 9/14/70, Special Agent (SA) Kenneth M. Raupach, General Investigative Division, consulted with Mr. Stephen P. Lockman, who is handling the matter in the Department, concerning the current review. Mr. Lockman advised that he was not too familiar with the material in the Archives or how it was handled in the past. In this respect, Mr. Lockman was referred to the information we previously furnished to the Department regarding our original review.

Accompanying our letter to the AG 8/10/65, was a list of material reviewed setting forth information as to what could be released according to the guidelines and those items which were not to be released. This list was broken down into List A, (items to be released); List B (reports and other data) which could be released, however certain pages from these reports were excised due to their contents falling within the guidelines; List C, Bureau documents which were given Commission Document numbers and were not released; Lists D and E missing documents or transmittal letters that could not be evaluated in light of the guidelines. A supplemental list was furnished to the AG by letter dated 8/25/65 setting forth other material released. These two lists will now be our working guide in connection with the current review.

Mr. Lockman advised that in 1968, at the request of the AG, the Department made a review of all the Warren Commission documents withheld from the public retained in the Archives; however, no release of the

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of the documents was made. He furnished a copy listing 41 documents originally prepared by the FBI which in the opinion of the Department could probably be released. These will be reviewed also to determine whether there is any objection to their release.

On 9/15/70, Mr. Lockman, Mr. Marion M. Johnson of the Archives and SA Kenneth M. Raupach met to arrange for working space in the Archives and to determine what material had to be reviewed. There are 12 boxes in Archives containing material furnished by the Bureau to the Warren Commission which has not been released. A spot check of this material revealed it dealt primarily with the investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald, Jack L. Ruby, investigation requested by the Commission regarding Mark Lane subject of a pending Bureau security case, and related material. It is specifically noted that in reviewing those pages which were deleted from reports released to the public (List B) it may be necessary to review a portion of the original report to assist in determining whether those pages can now be released. In this respect a numerical count made determined that there are 1,482 pages involved which were deleted from 108 Bureau reports or letterhead memoranda furnished to the Commission which were given Commission Document numbers. In addition, there are 154 reports in various lengths which were never released to the public (List C) and must now be reviewed to determine whether any of the information can be made public.

It is anticipated that the review will be started on 9/18/70 and will be completed as rapidly as possible consistent with the number of files that have to be reviewed. Since a majority of the material in the Archives deals with the investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald, which was handled by the Domestic Intelligence Division, it was estimated that three supervisors from the Domestic Intelligence Division as well as SAs J. W. Hines and K. M. Raupach of the General Investigative Division would be needed. The General Investigative Division is preparing necessary material for use in connection with this project. Space has been designated in the Archives in Room 6E.

ACTION: If approved, the Domestic Intelligence Division should designate three supervisors for this project and furnish their names to SA Raupach who will coordinate the project beginning the review on 9/18/70. No request for manpower is being made from the Laboratory at this time until the review is made. If it is determined Laboratory assistance is needed, a request will be made.

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ADDENDUM DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION 9-17-70 WAB:lag

In view of the pressure of work presently existing in the Domestic Intelligence Division caused by the rebellious activities of the New Left and the general unrest of the racial situation, together with the potentially explosive situation when the numerous heads of states will arrive for the commemorative session of the United Nations, the Domestic Intelligence Division recommends that only two men from this Division be used for this review.

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I think this whole project is ill-advised.
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