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Dear Gary,

If you do not have a response from the Dallas FBI by the 24th I suggest that you file an immediate appeal, addressed to the Office of Information and Privacy, DJ, Wash., D.C. 20530. There is a backlog and the faster you file an appeal the fewer numbers will be before your number. Your request is a simple one, requiring little work, and if the DL response is not prompt there will have been a decision to stonewall, in all likelihood not made in Dallas. All you need do is enclose copies of the previous correspondence and say you are appealing the denial of the information requested in the enclosed correspondence.

Aside from the fact that they seem always to stonewall JFK assassination requests, if Dallas stonewalls this I think you'd best assume that they are well aware of why you make the request.

Thanks for the two Tippit broadcasts. Can you tell me where 4100 Bonnie View is with regard to Tippit's home? Isn't the official story that he was out of service until about 12:45, lunching at home?

It appears, there being only about three minutes when he was not in his car, that "I'm out of the car" meant for moments only and that his report "78 Clear" at 22:20 is the equivalent of back in service. But my interest in the address comes from the possibility it might not mean this.

The Report is void on Tippit's movements, save for getting killed, but in the Tippit subchapter (of The Assassin chapter) it is long on Oswald's alleged movements. I've just rechecked (pp. 156ff) and there is no mention of anything about Tippit prior to the 11:44 order to move into central Oak Cliff.

If you recall it I'd appreciate a chronology on Tippit for this period, if possible with citations, for possible future use in connection with getting the tapes.

If my memory isn't tricking me, I think that some years ago some Dallas critics interviewed someone who said Tippit was at his place when allegedly at home for lunch. This out-of-car bit reminds me. Was it there? Penn, Mary would recall that report.

Mrs. Tippit was not a WC witness. Which was a fine way of avoiding any contradiction of the notion that he was home with her, if that is the official story.

Good luck!



August 10, 1984

Harold,

Enclosed is our latest correspondence with Dallas FBI. With the Republican convention almost here they'll surely use it as an excuse to delay.

I have listened to the two Tippit messages on Channel 1 over and over - to the best of my knowledge, here's what was said:

78 78
Disp 7 8
78 I'm out of the car at 4100 Bonnie Voo, View.
Disp 12:17

78 78 Clear
Disp 78 Clear, 12:20

The address is 4 miles southeast of Oswald's rooming house. I don't know if it was within Tippit's assigned district; however, since he mispronounced the street name then corrected himself, he was not familiar with it. It's interesting that he told the dispatcher he was leaving his car for something obviously minor, but didn't do the same when he got out to talk to "Oswald."

These two messages are not in any of the official transcripts, but they are on the "critics' tape" copies. My dub from Barger begins with the word View.

The first message is about 30 seconds prior to 289 calling for an ambulance at Elm and Houston for the epileptic seizure victim. That message is in CE1974 (and might be in the others, too.)

I'll try to get your tape copies made this weekend.

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to be 'Gandy' or similar, written in a cursive style.

August 9, 1984

Mr. Thomas C. Kelly
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1801 North Lamar, Suite 300
Dallas, Texas 75202

Dear Mr. Kelly,

We are in receipt of your response dated July 25, 1984, in regard to FBI records on Mary Ann Moorman, a witness to the John Kennedy assassination. We believe your denial is not appropriate and should be reconsidered.

To begin, in a letter dated one day prior to yours, James K. Hall at FBIHQ has complied with our request and has begun a search. This seems to have established a precedent for your office. Also, the FBI on several occasions has released documents pertaining to Mrs. Moorman, who recently remarried and whose new name is not mentioned in documents of the 1960's and 1970's. Other official investigations, too, have led to release of further information related to Mrs. Moorman.

We are not interested in Mrs. Moorman's personal life, only records relating to her being a witness to the assassination. Those records include studies and analyses, by the Bureau and/or others, of photographs taken by Mrs. Moorman just before and during the assassination. We are also requesting the clearest possible copies from your negatives, in slide form, of the Moorman photos made by or for the Bureau, whether in Dallas or elsewhere.

The photographs cannot possibly be considered exempt under the Privacy Act since the one showing the President has been published internationally many times by the news media and officially by the House Assassinations Committee in 1978 and 1979.

We have filed this request with your office because we are well aware that not all FBI information relating to the assassination is available at FBIHQ.

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While we appreciate your desire to remain within the spirit of the Privacy Act, previous Bureau history indicates the information we seek should be released. Furthermore, since this material may contribute some information of news value, it would be helpful if the Bureau could respond quickly. Should the Dallas office have a backlog, we would appreciate some estimate as to when our request can be honored.

Sincerely,

Ed Martelle
Reporter

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cc: James K. Hall