

5530 Eastbourne Drive
Springfield, VA 22151
29 October 1992 8:38am

Mr. Harold Weisberg
7627 Old Receiver Road
Frederick, MD 21702

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Just a quick note to accompany the inclosed documents which I trust you'll enjoy.

I am learning, as you have, about the way federal agencies control this issue. Regarding my request, I was amazed (I should not have been) when I compared the two documents...they completely excised the Nosenko portion which I already had on microfilm.

I'll write you a more complete letter this weekend on what I've been doing but I wanted to get these to you.

Regards to Mrs. Weisberg.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JW', with a long, sweeping horizontal line above it that extends to the left and then curves back towards the right.

John W. Masland

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29 October 1992

The Honorable Phil Gramm
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Gramm:

Recently I wrote you about my research interest regarding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Subsequent to that letter, I received a response to a *Freedom of Information* request I had made to the FBI.

I have inclosed copies of pertinent documents regarding this request, as well as a copy of the response provided by the FBI. I do not have the ability to reproduce my microfilm copy of the document in question. However, it consists of 35 numbered pages is less redacted than the version provided by the FBI. My obvious interest is in the material originally redacted and not in further redaction of material already in the public domain.

My purpose in providing you this material is to not solicit your assistance with respect to this issue but to advance the point that the FBI continues to withhold information relevant to legitimate research regarding the assassination of President Kennedy, and does so in a most pernicious and promiscuous fashion. While other federal agencies may not be as bold as the FBI, they are no more forthcoming in response to legitimate requests for information.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Respectfully,

John W. Masland

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Mr. William S. Sessions
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
10th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Sessions:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you the inclosed documents pertaining to a *Freedom of Information* request submitted to your agency.

Your attention is solicited to comments in my letter, of this date, to Mr. Kevin O'Brien. It is almost inconceivable, at this date, that your agency would act in this fashion. Responses of the sort I was provided are precisely what fuels genuine, as well as irrational, speculation regarding this crime and thwarts legitimate research.

Understanding the system as I have come to appreciate it, I do not expect you to act on this matter. However, I felt encumbered to express my concerns regarding your agency's response directly to you.

Sincerely,

John W. Masland

CP: Senator Phil Gramm

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
ATTN: Mr. J. Kevin O'Brien
Chief, Freedom of Information-Privacy Act Section
Information Management Division
10th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20535

Subject: FOIA Request No.: 363,943

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge receipt of material pursuant to my 9 August 1992 *Freedom of Information* Request Number 363,943.

I cannot overstate my amazement at what you provided. SA Morrissey's report was provided to the Warren Commission in 1964 and assigned Commission Document Number 651. It is almost impossible to comprehend that your agency would, thirty years after the fact, provide a document which is even more redacted than the version I already possess; Roll 21, Frame 1140-1174 of National Archives microfilm publication 1124. The fact that you chose to further redact the document in 1992, and completely excise the material regarding Yuri Nosenko, is audacious and undermines your agency's credibility.

Accordingly, in light of Director Session's October 28, 1992 commitment to open *the few remaining records*, following the President's signing pertinent legislation, and the fact that you did not specifically identify which exemption of 5 USC 552 under which you are withholding what you chose to redact, I request you consider providing me a completely un-redacted copy of SA James F. Morrissey's report Bureau File # 105-82555, dated 3/11/64.

Should you not respond within ten days, I will have no alternative but to appeal this request.

Thank you for your continued consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

John W. Masland

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

The purpose of this letter is to request information pursuant to the provisions of 5 USC 552.

Request I be provided a copy of the below identified document in its original, full, and un-redacted form:

Report of:	James F. Morrissey
Date:	3/11/64
Office:	Washington, D.C
Field Office File #:	105-37111
Bureau File #:	105-82555
Title:	Lee Harvey Oswald
Character:	Internal Security - R - Cuba

I understand there may be fees associated with this request and will provide reimbursement if required. However, insofar as 5 USC 552 permits reduction or waiver of fees for releases which are beneficial to the public and my belief that my research fulfills that requirement, any reduction or waiver would be appreciated.

Should all or any portion of this request be denied, I would appreciate your citing the specific exemption(s) which justifies refusal to fulfill this request. Additionally, should this request be denied, please advise me of the specific procedures you require for subsequent appeal.

Thank you for your consideration and I anticipate your timely response in accordance with the guidelines of 5 USC 552.

Sincerely,

John W. Masland