Dear Mr. Stern, 9/18/84

I'm sure that CIA lying, including to the courts, is not new to you. So the enclosures are not to let you know that they lie to the courts. It is because I think you may be interested and might, perhaps, want this kind of information on file. If you would like the CIA's filings, I have those I refer to and the complete file Jim Lesar has. (27680404)

Dr. Paul Hoch, a physicist at Livermore Labs, living in Berkeley, has been researching the JFK assassination since at least the summer of 1966, when I met him at the Archives. Jim Lesar filed C.A. 82-0754 for him and the CIA, naturally, denied everything. With regard to one record Judge Aubrey Robinson denied the CIA's b5 claim. It had also claimed 1 and 3. After filing all of their boilerplate and not, apparently, thinking of anything else, someone suddenly remembered that this particular record had been disclosed to Borosage at the Center for National Security Studies. So, belatedly, a copy was sent to Lesar, who sent me a copy. I recognized immediately that a) it was a whitewash job and b) almost entirely public domain. So, I sat down and dashed off the first of these two affidavits. But Lesar had been told by the CIA's DJ lawyer that they'd be filing something else and he was all tied up with efforts to prevent what will amount to total FOIA immunity for the CIA and he not only didn't file it, he didn't have time to read it. Then he got their 9/10 submissions and sent them to me. The second affidavit relates to them.

There not only was no justification for the initial withholding, there was no need, not even to avoid embarrassment, because it was all public. But what to do about having sworn to Judge Aubrey Robinson that it was all public, not secret? The CIA has only one answer - more lies. So, I addressed them. And I happened to remember that I had the transcript of the same diretyworkser, Louis J. Dube, in another case. In which, not unpredictably, he swore opposite to what he gave Robinson.

I had nothing on this case of earlier date, but the newer attestations have attached affidavits filed in 1982, and I had a little subdued fun with them. Imagine the chief of staff of the Directorate of Operations saying under oath and of "personal knowledge" that a record relating to CIA plots against Castro had to be withheld to prevent grave damage to the national security and a rupture of diplomatic relations - with Cuba! When we've had none for 25 years.

In their recent submissions the CIA still pretends that all info relating to those well-publicized plots is secret. Actually swear that what was officially disclosed years ago still qualifies for b1 and b3!

Sometimes Robinson has a short fuse. I hope he is sufficiently offended by having been lied to the first time to take the second more seriously.

Best wishes,