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Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Levi:

This is my request under the Freedom of Information Act for certain records relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. I write to you personally because I believe that the documents I seek are of considerable public importance. Each document has been quoted from and referred to publicly by a Senate committee and should be easy to identify. Consequently, I hope that my request can be complied with as soon as possible, avoiding the bureaucratic tangles that seem to accompany requests for less easily identified records.

All of the documents that I seek pursuant to this request have been cited in a report entitled "The Investigation of the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy: Performance of the Intelligence Agencies," which constitutes Book V of the Final Report of the Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations With Respect to Intelligence Activities. It is dated April 23, 1976. Page references used throughout this request refer to the page of this Senate Report at which the particular document I desire is cited.

The documents of which I desire copies are the following:

1. Memorandum from Nicholas deB. Katzenbach to Bill Moyers dated 11/26/63, in re statement on the assassination (p. 23).
2. Memorandum from J. Edgar Hoover to Messrs. Tolson, Belmont, Mohr, Sullivan, DeLoach, and Rosen dated 11/29/63 in re Mr. Hoover's conversation with President Johnson (pp. 23, 34) and accompanying cover sheet (p. 46 n.7).
3. Memorandum from Mr. DeLoach to Mr. Tolson dated 12/12/63 in re a possible press release on the assassination (p. 23).
4. Letter from Mr. Hoover to President Johnson dated 11/23/63 and attached memorandum in re preliminary "inquiry into the assassination" and background information on Lee Harvey Oswald (p. 32).
5. Memorandum to the Files by White House aide Walter Jenkins dated 11/24/63, 4 pm, in re conversation with Mr. Hoover (p. 33).
6. Memorandum from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Tolson dated 11/24/63 in re sending two Headquarter supervisors to Dallas (p. 33).
7. Memorandum from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Sullivan dated 11/26/63 in re a conversation between Mr. Hoover and Mr. Katzenbach (p. 33).

8. Memorandum from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Tolson dated 11/27/63, including handwritten notation at bottom by Mr. Hoover (pp. 33-34).

9. Memorandum from Mr. Sullivan to Mr. Belmont dated 11/27/63 in re the "D" story coming out of Mexico City (p. 42).

10. Memorandum from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Sullivan dated 12/3/63 in re the "D" story (p. 42).

11. Memorandum from Mr. Hoover to Messrs Tolson, Belmont, Mohr, Sullivan, Rosen, FBI Inspector and DeLoach dated 1/31/64 in re the Warren Commission and Mr. Hoover's meeting with J. Lee Rankin (pp. 46, 47, 48).

12. Memorandum from Mr. Rosen to Mr. Belmont dated 4/4/64 including handwritten notation by Mr. Hoover (pp. 46, 49).

13. Memorandum from Mr. Hoover to Mr. Tolson dated 12/26/63 in re the Warren Commission (pp. 47-48).

14. Memorandum from Station Chief to Mr. Sullivan dated 2/18/64 (p. 49).

15. Memorandum from Station Chief to Mr. Sullivan dated 4/3/64 including handwritten notation by Mr. Hoover (p. 49).

16. Memorandum from J.H. Gale to Mr. Tolson dated 12/10/63 in re the Oswald security case, including written notations by Mr. Hoover and addendum by Mr. Belmont with additional written notations by Mr. Hoover (p. 50 and passim).

17. Memorandum from Mr. Hoover to Mr. Tolson dated 5/6/64 in re conversation with FBI agent on the Oswald case (p. 52).

18. Memorandum from LEGAT, Mexico City, to FBI Headquarters dated 10/18/63 in re Oswald in Mexico City (p. 92).

Because of the great public interest involved and because these documents have already been furnished to the Senate Select Committee, I request that you waive search and copying costs in this case.

I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Howard Roffman