

SS - HRef FOIA

Dear Howard,

6/28/77

FOIA and related stuff from you yesterday and today, dupes for and ahead to Jim.

My release is signed in duplicate and enclosed. If they honor it watch what you get for indication of further withholdings.

In your memo of transfer letter to Goff although your third specific should cover all I can see those types limiting it to the two preceding itemizations. Watch for this. In the future I'd not say "correspondence." Something like communications and record about of relating to communications. They use the phone and they make notes, as one example, of their phone conversations.

Similarly they may chose to interpret GSA as not including Nat. Arch.

It is more convenient for me to sign the release you drafted. Lil is so pressed for time so I can go over 1,000 new pages in a day and designate extra copies for her to make that I'm not asking her to stop for a single page. If you have not already sent the Goff letter hold it until you can return a copy of the release. I read it in haste and may want to add to it. If so if I have them both at one time it will be easier.

Your letter to Smith of 6/16 is quite good. I think it is fine that you are pursuing this as you are and with the apparent care and diligence it requires.

I think the initial request should be broadened in your next not to limit the basis to ~~an~~ memo of transfer. I'd add all related or relevant records of any nature or origin. Be particularly careful that they do not get away with avoiding what can be in the JFK library, which is under Archives. With this in mind I'd also ask for referrals to any and all related entities where it can reasonably be expected that records might be found.

The same comment with regard to phone conversations, etc.

Your 1. is a factual misstatement. My first request was early in the week after we received the panel report. I wrote it to Johnson from N.O. The Rhoads part is where I met him in Halleck's court. You'll find in PM that I said it took him 100 days to non-respond.

At some point I think you should include the GSA-family agreement and then ask for his citations of what can be used for indecent purposes. Now that both are out, with both and of what uses do they have records.

Your Lawton correspondence is of immediate importance, I think. Lil has overexposed her pale 4/17 and Jim has copies. I have older requests, I'm sure. They have yet to write me any such letter as this. You plopped from #123 to #12. I think a full record on this and on sequential numbers could be very helpful to JL, as soon as possible. Dupes to me if possible. I'm putting this one with your memo trans efforts. I want you and JL to remember that this request crosses over into my PA requests of more than a year ago if and when you get anything from the Archives or any spookery.

Best,