

12/21/76

Dear Howard,

Your FOIA and non-FOIA correspondence relating to a request already rewritten on you is very interesting, as is the non-FOIA request in itself. I know of cases where requests not made under FOIA have received priority treatment. I have some in the record in 75-1996.

Whether or not it was deliberate Turner's rewriting of your request can provide a technicality that can plague you. He has the request as "for copies of the pictures and x-rays" when your request is for "records relating to" them.

Whatever else you do I suggest that you write and correct this, perhaps to Levi, leaving it up to them to send corrections around. Otherwise I'd suggest to Levi with carbons to all others.

If you do not do this at some future time you may be stymied by an "oh so sorry" letter apologizing for the "misunderstanding."

I do not have the file in front of me now but he refers to an 11/9 request. The one of your 12/8 letter is of 9/7.

Also, you seem not to have filed an appeal. You have to do that before going to court. In ten working days you would be thrown out without an appeal filed. Then 20 more days.

More power to you.

Best,

Your 12/15 is for records I also would like to have. I see a major obstacle absent waiver: they are internal communications. Why not make the identical request of the LBJ Library? Even those internal FBI records is you see fit. The LBJ library will have some and you may get them faster.

Reur 12/7/76 memo on Oswald's prior knowledge of the motorcade route there is a Lawson S.S. report on this press treatment and as part of that or a separate one on the selection of the route and place for the speech. I saw it in early 1966 when I had little money in my pocket and did not get it. This is not because I do not believe LHO did not know the motorcade was going past the TSED or because I believe the rest that is relevant and essential to the official story. It is because there were news stories that indicated the route would be close to the TSED if not directly in front.

I'm not downplaying the significance of what you say. I agree it is important and most likely represents actuality. Rather is it that I am saying pull it all together.