

Dear Greg,

7/5/84

Comments on your draft RFK FBI request:

Your basic request should be to the DC field office. FBIHQ and LA as Office of Origin (OO) are most important. I think one request, with copies to relevant field offices, would suffice. Indicate all field offices to which copies are sent in some manner. If you want to ask that the single request include all field offices, which your text indicates, you are asking for trouble and assuring, I think, that the FBI will ignore this until it is litigated.

Sorry, I misread and thought you used the Old Post Office bldg address.

Last sentence, page 1: Also indices, plural, because they also index hears and mentioned, otherwise they'll search, if at all, by subject of surveillance only.

Perhaps it is a good idea (pg 2, graf 1) to ask in advance for all FBI names, perhaps it isn't in advance of processing because of their position, which you do not mention, that privacy requires withholding. If you go this way I think you should include evidence of prior disclosure because the privacy claim can be invoked only when there is privacy to protect. I'm pretty sure that with your formulation alone they'll invoke, among other things, the recent Antonelli appeals court decision.

Graf 2, reference to "your office" confusing because you address FBIHQ and not any field office. Substitute "records of the field offices."

Graf 3: unless you limit to what is relevant in the RFK case expect a denial on privacy grounds. Add your claim that all are major figures in the investigation of "players" in DJ prior positions in court.

Graf 4: (delete allegation of "(and even less important)" because it serves no real purpose and gets into unnecessary arguments. You also argue at the end, so I suggest substituting "matter of continued intense public interest and controversy, with central issues and basic facts remaining questioned."

Page 3, penult graf: why do you ask them to phone? I think you are better off having everything in writing because they'll lie anyway. But if it is in writing you can produce that and this can have an advantage.

Last graf is unnecessary and impossible and will be taken as arrogant and perhaps self-important. They know the requirements of the Act and it just is not possible for them to respond in 10 days, as they and every court knows.

If others join you in request, pick one to receive correspondence and any disclosed records and use this as closing graf.

As I look again at page 1, graf 2, do not limit to field offices. Insert at FBIHQ before mention of them. I think also that this graf might be simplified.

Best wishes,

(FIRST DRAFT)

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June 12, 1984

Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Unit
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Sirs:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act as amended (5 U.S.C. 552).

We request a complete and thorough search of all filing systems and locations for all field office records maintained by the FBI pertaining to the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and investigative activities related thereto, including but not limited to files and documents captioned in, or whose captions include the names of Sirhan Sirhan or Robert F. Kennedy, or logical variants thereof, in the title. This request specifically includes "main" files and "see references," including but not limited to numbered and lettered subfiles, 1A envelopes, enclosures behind files (EBFs), Bulky Exhibits, control files, ticklers, agent interview notes, abstracts, index cards and "JUNE" files. We want all records to be produced with the administrative markings and all reports to include the administrative pages. This request specifically includes the 10-volume report of the police investigative unit known as "Special Unit-Senator" and all records in any way pertaining thereto. We want all records of the Los Angeles field office regardless of whether they have been previously processed for us or any other requester.

We wish to be sent copies of "see reference" cards, abstracts, search slips including search slips used to process this request, file covers, multiple copies of the same document if they contain notations distinguishing them from other copies, and tapes of any electronic surveillances. Please search "DO NOT FILE" files, SAC safes, special file rooms, and offices of FBI officials. I want all pages released regardless of the extent of excising, even if all that remains are the stationery headings or administrative markings.

In addition to a search of the General Index, please search the ELSUR Index and any special case index.

We request, as well, that the names of the FBI Special Agents (and other personnel) involved in the investigation not be routinely deleted in the documents provided, absent specific facts showing that there is serious threat of danger or personal jeopardy which would result from such disclosure. This matter is particularly significant as the reports of some law enforcement personnel in this case, as well as relevant FBI documents hitherto released are at odds with the standard official interpretation of central issues of the case. It should be noted in this connection that the Warren Commission released thousands of documents concerning the assassination of President Kennedy, a comparable situation, without ever deleting the names of the investigating agents involved.

We would like to make it clear that we want all records in your office "identifiable with our request" even though reports based on those records have been sent to FBI Headquarters and even though there may be duplication between the two sets of files. Please do not refer to Headquarters.

Please search for records under the following names: Robert Francis Kennedy, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, Adel Sirhan, Bishara Sirhan, Mary Sirhan, Munir ("Joe") Sirhan, Saidallah Sirhan, Sharif Sirhan, William Joseph Bryan, Jr., Thane Eugene Cesar, John Fahey, Robert Gindroz, Oliver B. ("Jerry" or "Curley") Owen, Henry Donald Ramistella (aka Frank Donnarsuma), Thomas Rathke, Donald Schulman, Paul Sharaga, Edward van Antwerp, Rosicrucians (Ancient Mystical Order of Rosae Crucis), Ace Guard (or Ace-Guard) Service (Los Angeles area), or logical variants thereof.

Please place any "missing" files pertaining to this request on "special locate" and advise me that you have done this.

We believe that this request qualifies for a waiver of fees since the release of the requested information would primarily benefit the general public and be "in the public interest." The Robert Kennedy assassination was clearly a major public tragedy, but in comparison with comparable (and even less important) cases, relatively little official information concerning it has ever come to light. In consequence of this fact, and of basic problems and unanswered questions in the present evidence, the case has been a matter of repeated public controversy, with central issues still in fundamental doubt.

One of the requesters, Gregory Stone, has been active in work on aspects of this case since 1974. During much of that time, he worked closely on these questions with the late Congressman and Ambassador Allard K. Lowenstein, worked on relevant articles and presentations, and drafted with him a manuscript of over 250 pages detailing central issues of this case. He is interested in the possibility of publication of a revised version of this manuscript, as well as of other possible publications. He has recently been active in pursuing

additional official and non-official sources of information in the case and has been in touch with others of similar interests. His interest in the case relates both to public interest and scholarly concerns; he sponsored an academic project in that connection last January and has assisted other related academic efforts. He has a master's degree in political science at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and was co-editor, in 1973, of a published book which touched in part on these issues.

If a fee waiver is not granted, please consult us before proceeding if the fee is in excess of \$150.00. We reserve all rights to recover any money paid for fees not waived.

Please send a memo (copy to us) to the appropriate units in your office to assure that no records related to this request are destroyed. Please advise of any destruction of records and include the date of and authority for such destruction.

We can be reached at (or through) the phone listed above. Please call rather than write if there are any questions or if you need additional information from us.

We expect a response to this request within 10 working days as provided for in the Freedom of Information Act. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

Gregory Stone



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March 30, 1984

R.Y.I.

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Dear Mr. Stone:

I am writing to you in answer to your letter of March 13 addressed to Mr. William Moss. Mr. Moss left the Kennedy Library in December to become Archivist of the Smithsonian Institution.

The Kennedy Library has never actively pursued either John or Robert Kennedy assassination related materials other than published works. To do so would tie up too large a proportion of staff, time and resources on items which would not greatly contribute to the study of the contributions which both of these men made to American history. Depending on their extent, if the collections were donated here they would not be given high priority for indexing and processing, as very little in the way of processing is currently underway primarily due to losses in staff. There are also richer collections in terms of historical study which must be processed first. Thus the prospect of the immediate usefulness of the materials which you mention is indeed slim, it would be many years in the future.

Thank you for the two articles which you sent with your letter, and for your interest in the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library.

Sincerely,

Ronald E. Whealan
Librarian