

*Nosenko FOI*

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Dear Mr. Hall,

There is not much the FBI has not called me, including to the White House, attorneys general and elsewhere within the Department and to the Congress, and there is not much I can do about those libels, by sir! when in your letter of the 16th you refer to me as a "mooney," that is going too far and I must ask for rectification.

I've compared this letter with your previous one, of August 24, 1983 or four months earlier and with a single exception they are word for word identical. The exception is in your FOIPA numbers, which apparently is not the only thing you cannot keep or get straight. This number has increased by about a third, from 62,749 to 90,013. Or is it both because I filed more than one request relating to Yuri Nosenko?

In both letters you state that "some~~xxx~~ (sic) delay has been encountered in processing" my request "as a result of the large number of FOIPA requests."

I do not take issue with "some" because it is indeed some delay. Is it by any chance the same "some" referred to in your letter of May 17, 1978 in which you refer to my Nosenko request of March 9, 1978? In that letter, or four and a half years ago (which also is "some" time after my earlier Nosenko request), you state that "a review of the file pertaining to Yuri Ivanovich Nosenko is being conducted." "Some" kind of "review" if it still is not completed after so very long a time.

While I am not certain of the size of the numbers you are now assigning to requests, I have the impression that with me and with Nosenko you are in effect claiming a backlog of perhaps 200,000 requests, or "some" backlog.

What you also appear to have done in your internal records is to date my reminder of November 10, 1983 as the date of my request No. 90,013. If this is so, then you can claim backlog for "some" time yet while perhaps making disclosure to a later requester or in some other manner while the information remains withheld from me.

Considering the nature of the CIA's official testimony before the House Select Committee on Assassinations it does not appear than any "review" ought take very much time or effort. Or the FBI's disclosures to others of pertinent information still withheld from me. Even its disclosures to the KGB through ~~XXXX~~ Carl Oglesby.

I hope it is not now asking too much to ask that you abandon inappropriate form letters and tell me when I can expect what information. Or better yet, just send it as, after so long a time, you certainly should.

Also, I remind you again of those processed referrals back from the CIA that you still not have sent so long after informing me and my renewed request for them.

Sincerely,

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cc: Cong. Don Edwards