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Dear Mr. Hebert,

The National Archives is very cooperative when an order is placed for documents relating to President Kennedy's assassination, but my recent request for a list of declassified-withheld documents was answered, that for \$12.50, I could purchase a list of all the documents of the Commission - upon which the much smaller number of withheld documents is listed.

I believe you are a member of the joint, House-Senate Committee overseeing the work of the Central Intelligence Agency; enclosed is an old-list of documents withheld from research, as of March 1968. Would you please send this list to the proper-office of the CIA, and ask the official to check-off those documents that are now available to the Public.

Some persons, myself included, do not have the opportunity and funds to stay a week, or so, in Washington and work right at the Archives.

The overwhelming majority of withheld-documents are FBI reports, with a smaller number of Secret Service, State Department, HEW, IRS items added to the enclosed CIA-list. All the CIA items have a "National Security" grading, while several FBI reports are withheld because of possible embarrassment to innocent persons if their contents were to be published. Otherwise, I can see no valid reason for the withholding of any document relating to the Assassination.

I don't know how much time you have devoted to reading the documents relating to the Assassination, but I would appreciate you asking the proper CIA official, if they ever succeeded in identifying the man depicted in Commission Exhibit 237. This photo was introduced, chiefly, to repudiate Oswald's mother's contention that FBI Agent Bardwell Odum had shown her a photo of Jack Ruby on the night of November 23, 1963.

The man is certainly not Ruby, but it is not a photo of ^{in Mexico City} Oswald, either. The CIA sent a report of Oswald's visit to the Cuban Embassy on September 27, 1963, which the Dallas FBI Office received on 11/22/63. The photo was taken by a secret camera across from the Cuban Embassy, and purportedly was identified as Oswald by an informant in the Embassy. Photo was sent with Report.

Mr. Helms, Mr. Odum, and FBI Inspector Kalley gave affidavits in July 1964 explaining the cropping of the photo, but as far as I know, the man was not identified prior to the publication of the Report, and the "26" volumes.

The question of whether Oswald, in the company of two, other men visited Mrs. Sylvia Odio, in Dallas, immediately before his trip to Mexico was never resolved, even though the Report asserts the opposite. Neither have I been able to find an explanation for the fact that the name "Oswald" was manifested on a bus other than the one Oswald actually did return-on from Mexico.

By letter of 9 February 1973, I was informed by the Archives, that CD 880, an FBI report with the subject-heading: "re Oswald safe-deposit box in Laredo and Houston" was still withheld from research.

You might wish to obtain a clear-photo of CE 237, and then ask the CIA if they have any vintage-1963 photos of Frank Sturgis and Bernard Barker (without glasses). The latter, of course, are two of "Tricky-Dicky's" flunkies caught at the Watergate. Either of those two resemble the man in CE 237 more than Ruby or Oswald. The Viet Cong don't worry me as much as pus-gut quacks like E. Howard Hunt and his crew. Lets find out who our "mystery-man" is, or was.

Sincerely yours,

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