

April 8, 1996

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Re: Request for Evidence on Behalf of Proposed Postponements in HSCA Record
180-10110-10144 (Investigative Report of DOS Passport Office)

Dear Nina:

In your letter to me of February 27, 1996, you state that the Department of State seeks to postpone -- on personal privacy grounds -- the release of the names of DOS employees referenced on pages 16-18 in House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) record 180-10110-10144. Your letter states that many of the employees whose names DOS wishes to have postponed are still living.

Under our statute, the Board is obligated to release information unless there is "clear and convincing evidence" supporting the postponement. We would very much appreciate your forwarding to us any evidence that you have with respect to which persons are still living and what type of harm you believe would befall them if their names were released.

While I hope this record can be processed at the Board's next meeting of April 16-17, consideration of the requested postponements can be delayed until the following meeting if this deadline does not allow sufficient time for the necessary information to be gathered and forwarded.

Thank you for your cooperation. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

David G. Maxwell
Executive Director