

December 10, 1996

Ms. Betty Ball
United States Postal Inspection Service
L'Enfant Plaza
Washington, D.C.

Dear Betty:

Thank you for your assistance during my visit on Friday, December 6.

Upon reviewing the Postal Inspection Service documents ready for the National Archives there remain two outstanding issues.:

1) The National Archives will need to receive the original documents to deposit in the JFK Assassination Records Collection.

2) Those documents which have redactions fall into three categories which we feel will help the Postal Inspection Service in agreeing to a consent release. The three categories are as follows:

a) Names of neighbors and friends of Lee Harvey Oswald and the Oswald family, to include his brother Robert Oswald, who were interviewed by the Postal Inspection Service while assisting the FBI in the assassination investigation. These redactions will likely not be upheld by the Board of the Assassination Records review Board (ARRB) since this data has already been released in other documents.

B) Names and addresses of individuals who were questioned by Postal Inspection Service Agents regarding the assassination. Past experience has shown that the Board of the ARRB will not uphold these redactions.

C) Names and addresses of Postal employees who were investigated by the Postal Inspection Service for disclosing information during the investigation. While these redactions would require an explanation by the Postal Inspection Service as to why they should remain redacted, such as whether the individual is still alive, the ARRB's Board may not uphold the redaction because internal investigations are seen as enhancing the historical record of how the investigative agencies conducted their activities during this period of our nation's history.

If you have questions and would like the opinion of another investigative agency which has dealt with these issues and the ARRB's Board, please feel free to contact Carol Keeley at the Federal Bureau of Investigation. If you have other questions please call me or Phil Golrick at 202-724-0088.

Once again thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Masih
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