

November 1, 1996

Mr. John Pereira  
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Re: Request for Additional Information and Records No. CIA-13  
(Backchannel Communications)

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Dear John:

We request your assistance in obtaining access to information and records of possible pertinence to the John F. Kennedy assassination. We request that you provide information to answer the following queries:

1. What forms of backchannel communications were there between the Mexico City Station (including the COS), JMWAVE, or Headquarters during 1963? By "backchannel" we mean, *inter alia*, any administrative, senior staff, or restricted access communications, or any written or electronic communications other than regular cables or dispatches (of the type included in the JFK Collection).

2. Were there, in fact, any backchannel communications between the Mexico City Station (including the COS), JMWAVE, or Headquarters during the time periods 27 Sept - 16 Oct 1963 and 22 Nov - 30 Nov 1963?

3. To the extent that there were any backchannel communications for the time periods 27 Sept - 16 Oct 1963 and 22 Nov - 30 Nov 1963 (other than those currently contained in the JFK Collection), please make such records available for review.

These requests should be interpreted in their broadest reasonable sense. To the extent that you question whether a particular record is encompassed by our request, please let us know and we can advise you whether we seek to include it.

We request that you make this information available to us by December 1, 1996. If this does not provide you with sufficient time, please let us know, in writing, by what date you believe you will be

able to answer the questions fully.

In requesting access to these materials, we are not designating them "assassination records" and we are not, at this time, requesting that copies be given to the Review Board.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely Yours,

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