

January 23, 1997

Mr. John Pereira
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Center for the Study of Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Re: Request for Additional Information and Records No. CIA-17
(Pre-Assassination Files)

Dear John:

We request your assistance in obtaining access to information and records of possible pertinence to the John F. Kennedy assassination. It is our current understanding that at the time of the assassination, the Agency held three files on Lee Harvey Oswald: a 201 file, an HTLINGUAL file, and an Office of Security file. We request answers to the following queries:

1. Was the description of the contents of LHO's pre-assassination 201 file given by then Director Bill Gates in his May 12, 1992 testimony before the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs accurate?
2. At the time of the assassination, were there any additional files on LHO besides those identified above? If so, please identify these files.
3. Please list and identify all documents in the HTLINGUAL file on the day of the assassination.
4. Please list and identify all documents in the Office of Security file on the day of the assassination.
5. Are there any documents which were in the files on the day of the assassination which are no longer in the files?

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

In addition, we request that complete documentation of the results of the searches be provided to the

Review Board. In the event that any file has been destroyed, we request that all information pertaining to such destruction be provided. We anticipate that the results of these searches will be included in the agency's Final Compliance Statement.

We request that you make this information available to us by February 24, 1997. 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,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director