

August __, 1997 [send after reviewed by Laura]

Mr. Michale J. Ravnitzky
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Re: July 21 FOIA Appeal

Dear Mr. Ravnitzky:

I am writing in response to your July 21, 1997 letter appealing your FOIA request. I have reviewed the correspondence from you and Mr. Haron's reply.

From your July 21 letter, there appears to be a misunderstanding regarding the type of information that is stored in our databases and the completeness of the information you were sent. Let me assure you, we provided you with *all* information in our databases that identifies the institutions that receive our press releases. The only information that was withheld is information that would lead to the identification of particular individuals. Thus, we provided you with names and addresses of institutions, although we did not provide you with the names of individuals at those particular institutions nor their fax numbers.

Although to some extent release of information is discretionary, I do not believe that it would be appropriate to provide lists of names of citizens with whom we are in contact. While it is true that some people may not care that their names are released, others may have a reasonable expectation that their names will not be distributed either to other government agencies or to the public. I trust that you can appreciate the very important difference between release of information about the assassination of President Kennedy (which is the Review Board's mandate) and release of information identifying people who want to know more about the assassination (which would involve abridging the privacy rights of American citizens). Our goal is to open the record on the assassination, not to distribute information about individuals who are interested in the subject.

Because I have found that we have provided you with the information to which you are entitled, I must hereby deny your appeal under b(6) of FOIA.

Sincerely yours,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director
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