

National Security Agency
Attention: Q32
Mr. Charles Sullivan
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October 2, 1981

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Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Thank you for your letter of September 25 regarding my FOIPA request of September 8.

Under the provisions of the FOIPA, I would like to reformulate and renew my request, and provide some additional information that may perhaps assist you in locating the material I requested. While your letter stated that a thorough search had failed to locate any information pertaining to my request, I tend to believe that the material I am requesting has somehow been overlooked during your search.

Since my request was very broadly worded, and since your letter made no reference to claiming any exemptions, I gather that you were simply unable to find any material in NSA files pertaining to my request.

Yet, let me reiterate that I believe such material must exist somewhere within your agency. I can specifically state of my own knowledge that in a letter of October 7, 1980 to Congressman Louis Stokes (the former Chairman of the House Select Committee on Assassinations), Robert L. Keuch (the Special Counsel to the Attorney General and an assistant Attorney General) wrote that in late 1979 the Department of Justice did in fact request NSA advice and assistance in regard to the House Committee's acoustical evidence relating to the President's murder. Mr. Keuch's letter to Congressman Stokes specifically stated that NSA was "asked to assist in a review of acoustics reports relevant to the Kennedy assassination." The Special Counsel to the Attorney General went on to write that "NSA informed the Department that they did not possess the specialized equipment or expert personnel to assist in such a review."

Thus, it seems apparant that NSA was in fact consulted by the Department of Justice, and that NSA's technical personnel did in fact review the request and reach a determination that they were not qualified to become substantively involved in analyzing the acoustical evidence. Thus, I gather that there must in fact be a certain amount of file material or documents within your agency pertaining to the Department's request and its handling by NSA. That is the material that I am again hereby requesting.

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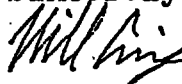
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In renewing and reformulating this request, I am specifically requesting that (if you have not already done so) you check with your agency's liaisons to the Department of Justice and House of Representatives (including former liaison to the Select Committee on Assassinations) to see if they can assist in locating the material I am requesting. Perhaps that is where the paperwork on this matter would be located.

Let me also apologize if I seem to be badgering you on this request, but it seems to me that there must in fact be some material responsive to my request that exists within the agency. And I'm sure you can understand the importance that those of us who worked on the House Committee attach to obtaining and reviewing as much information as we can obtain regarding the acoustical evidence that we believe establishes a high probability that two gunmen did in fact fire at the President on November 22, 1963.

Thank you again for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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September 8, 1981

Dear Sirs:

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act, as amended, I am requesting copies of some files of the NSA.

Specifically, I am requesting copies of any and all file material - anything the NSA has in its possession - relating to any work or review conducted by NSA in response to the Department of Justice's request for assistance in 1979 regarding the acoustical evidence on the assassination of President Kennedy set forth by the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

I am a former staff member of the John F. Kennedy Task Force of the Select Committee. It is my understanding that the Department of Justice requested NSA to review the acoustical evidence relating to the President's assassination, and make recommendations as to whether NSA could perform any additional work on this material. I believe this occurred in the fall of 1979.

In any event, I am requesting copies of any and all file material or other material that NSA has relating to this proposed acoustical work, as well as any additional information it may possess regarding the Kennedy assassination acoustical evidence.

While it is my understanding that NSA declined to become involved in handling the acoustical evidence, I am requesting copies of all material relating to this request from the Department and the NSA's handling of it.

In accordance with the provisions of the FOIPA law, I shall expect an initial response to this request within ten working days after you have received it.

Thank you for your assistance.

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