

OGC-95-50359
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Barbara Stanley
HRG

FROM: Pamela D. Parker
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SUBJECT: Search request for Lawrence P. Keenan

REFERENCE: Keenan v. DOJ and CIA,
Privacy Act request P92-1739

1. Attached is a letter from James Lesar addressed to the Assistant United States Attorney regarding the above referenced case.

2. Background: Lawrence P. Keenan states that on or about June 1951, he completed a series of CIA application forms for employment. Mr. Keenan was interviewed at length as a prospective CIA employee. At the conclusion of the interviews, Mr. Keenan and the CIA officer who conducted the interview were unable to reach agreement on a starting salary, as the CIA's offer was too low for Keenan. Based on the CIA's interest in the Plaintiff as a prospective employee, the Plaintiff assumes CIA would have retained records reflecting this information.

3. Action requested: Please search for any and all records pertaining to Mr. Lawrence P. Keenan. The attached information may assist you on the records search. Because this case is in litigation, OGC would like a brief written statement that states that HRG has performed a "reasonable and thorough records search" that supports the above referenced case.

4. Your expeditious handling of this matter would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact me on secure 76115.


Pamela Parker

Attachment as stated

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Re: Civil Action No. 94-1909;
Keenan v. Dept. of Justice, et al.

Dear Kirsten:

The CIA has, through you, suggested that it might conduct additional searches for records pertaining to my client, Mr. Lawrence P. Keenan, if Mr. Keenan furnished additional information which enabled it to conduct such searches. Although Mr. Keenan believes that the information which he initially furnished the CIA was sufficient to have located some records pertaining to him, he is providing the following additional information in hopes that the CIA will now be able to locate responsive records.

Mr. Keenan states that on or about June 1951, he completed a series of CIA application forms for employment. At that time, he resided in the 1600 block of Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Mr. Keenan was encouraged to submit these applications by two CIA women employees who resided at the same location.

After Keenan completed these applications, he was interviewed at length as a prospective CIA employee. At the conclusion of the interviews, Keenan and the CIA officer who conducted the interview were unable to reach agreement on a starting salary, as the CIA's offer was too low for Keenan. Based on the CIA's interest in Keenan as a prospective employee, it is clear that at a minimum, it should have a 201 file on Keenan.

For six years Keenan was an FBI Supervisor. For six and a half years he was Foreign Assistance Inspector in Southeast Asia. During these periods he had frequent contact with CIA representatives in investigative matters of mutual interest. Because of this, there should be numerous references to Keenan in CIA files.

As an FBI supervisor, Keenan played a role in the FBI's investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. This is evidenced by the following documents:

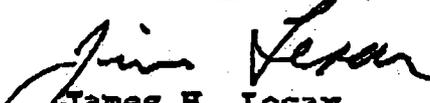
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1. November 25, 1963 cable from Ambassador Thomas Mann to the Department of State;
2. November 26, 1963 cables from CIA Mexico City Station Chief Winfield Scott;
3. Ambassador Mann's memorandum of telephone conversation December 3, 1963;
4. Legat Clark Anderson's January 8, 1964, Memorandum to File;
5. June 5, 1965 Brannigan to Sullivan memorandum.

Copies of these documents are attached hereto.

I hope that this information will assist the CIA in carrying out the searches which should earlier have been made and should have located responsive documents.

Sincerely yours,


James H. Lesar