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The Honorable
Mr. William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20505

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5 April, 1984

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Dear Mr. Casey:

May I say how much I appreciate your most kind letter of 23rd March, 1984 and your assistance in obtaining information on Radio Free Europe

You gave me the hope that I shall finish my book and make a valuable contribution to the history of our times.

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Sincerely,

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Dear [Redacted]

Based on your letter of 12 February 1984, I have asked my staff to look into your request for information on Radio Free Europe [Redacted] I agree that this material does have considerable historic value and will do the best I can to shake it loose. My staff has informed me that much of the material remains classified and, therefore, I am sure you can understand the need for continued protection.

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Also, I understand that much of the Radio Free Europe information was transferred to the Board of International Broadcasting several years ago.

I understand that records associated with your request are now being reviewed [Redacted] We will do our best to complete the review in the near future. Our Information and Privacy Coordinator will be in touch with you as soon as the review is finished and will provide you with any information that can be released.

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Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence



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Honorable
William Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

February 12, 1984

Dear Mr. Casey:

Your most kind and friendly letter which you wrote to me last year concerning my war-time memoirs 'Courier from Warsaw' encouraged me to appeal to you for help.

In 1980 I decided to write memoirs covering 25 years of my service as the director of the Polish Section of Radio Free Europe. In my view such a book could have a considerable historical value. In order to make my story complete and fully documented I approached in 1980 Freedom of Information Coordinator CIA with a request of copies of certain documents which were essential for my work. I was assured that the search was initiated and that I shall be informed in due time. After two years of waiting Br. Zbigniew Brzezinski, former Director of National Security Council interceded on my behalf and got an assurance from Mr. Robert M. Gates that my request 'will reach the top of processing queue in about six month'. After two more years I still do not have an answer from people dealing with my request.

I was 66 in 1980. I am now 70 and I am afraid that if I have to wait much longer, I may be deprived of my chance to write about one of the greatest success of the USA in the post-war period.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Freedom of Information Coordinator asking that in view of my age my request should be given a priority on humanitarian grounds. Your help in this case would be very much appreciated.

Thanking you in advance,

I remain,

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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
COORDINATOR
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505**

February 11, 1984

Dear Sir:

Almost four years ago I sent you my request under Freedom Information Act for copies of all available documentary sources pertaining to the beginning of the Polish operation of Radio Free Europe in Munich in 1952

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Mr. John H. Bacon, Information and Privacy Coordinator wrote me in his letter dated 19th August, 1980: 'Rest assured that we are proceeding with that portion of your request which deals with Radio Free Europe and will provide you with the results promptly upon completion'.

Since I did not hear from you over next two years - Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski acting on my behalf wrote on April 14th, 1982 to Mr. Robert M. Gates, Deputy Director for Intelligence asking him for reasons of such a long delay. Mr. Gates informed Brzezinski that my request 'is processed by the Directorate of Operations and will reach the top of their processing queue in about six months'. In fact after four years since my original request was submitted and two years since Mr. Gates' letter - I received no response.

I was 66 when I approached you for the first time. Upon receiving of your answer I decided to postpone writing my memoirs. I was the director of Radio Free Europe Polish program from its inception until 1976/. I am now 70 and if I have to wait much longer, I may never be able to write the book, which in my view could be of considerable historical interest. I assume that all documents concerning [redacted] are kept in one folder and in one place, and that no search could possibly take four years.

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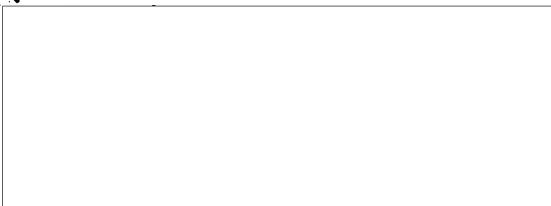
I would appreciate therefore if you could kindly advise me at your early convenience: a/ what progress has been made in processing my request since 1980, and b/ when at the latest the documents or at least part of them will be made available to me.

Sincerely,-



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cc: Hon. William Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency



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Freedom of Information Coordinator
CIA
Washington, D.C. 20505

March 19th, 1980

SUBJECT: Request for FOIA
Information

Dear Sirs:

Under the Freedom of Information Act I request hereby a copy of all documents held by the CIA on the subject of Radio Free Europe. If some portions of documents are exempt from release, I would appreciate receiving a copy of the portions that can be released.

I submit this request to obtain research material to write a book about RFE.

[Redacted]

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It is clearly in the public interest that this part of recent history should be exposed and put on public record. I request therefore that all fees should be waived as provided for in the Freedom of Information Act.

I am US citizen. My Social Security number is:

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Awaiting your kind reply,

I remain,
sincerely yours,

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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Dear [Redacted]

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This acknowledges your letter of 19 March 1980, which we received on 24 March, in which you asked for certain information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Specifically, you asked for all documents held by this Agency on the subject of Radio Free Europe.

With respect to your request for a fee waiver, I have reviewed and considered the terms of your FOIA request and the amount and character of the information already in the public domain. I have determined that the information which you seek from Agency files would not result in substantive benefit to the public. Accordingly, in this instance, search and reproduction fees must be charged.

A copy of the Agency's schedule of fees for services provided under the Freedom of Information Act is enclosed. Please notify me immediately of your willingness to accept responsibility for all charges incurred in processing your request, or whether there is an upper limit to what you are willing to pay. Be advised that all fees must be paid even if our record searches uncover no relevant documents, or if the documents found are deemed nonreleasable.

Upon receipt of your agreement, I shall arrange for a search of CIA files and shall be in further communication with you once the search has been completed and any records found have been reviewed for releasability under the Act.

As you may know, the heavy volume of Freedom of Information requests received by the Agency has resulted in processing backlogs. Since we will be unable to respond within the 10 working days stipulated by the Act, it is your right

to construe this as a denial, subject to appeal to the CIA Information Review Committee. It would seem more reasonable, however, for us to continue processing your request and to respond as soon as feasible. Unless we hear from you otherwise, we will assume that this is agreeable to you and proceed on this basis. The running of the response time will not commence until the fee issue has been resolved.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Savage

Charles E. Savage
Acting Information and Privacy Coordinator

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Mr. Charles E. Savige
Acting Information and
Privacy Coordinator
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

April 9th, 1980

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Dear

Thank you very much for your letter dated April 4th -
received on April 6th.

I regret that you consider writing a book on Radio
Free Europe based on all available documentary sources inclu-
ding documents in possession of CIA as not serving public inte-
rest. In view of your refusal to waive the fees I have to make
my search through stages and to establish some kind of priori-
ties and upper limit.

The upper limit at this stage would be dollars 500.
The scope of search would be limited only to docu-
ments pertaining to the Polish operation of RFE.

I should like to start by requesting all documents
from my own personal files. Since I assume they are kept in
one place I expect that in this case you may respond within 10
working days stipulated by the Act.

Documents and information pertaining to beginning
of the Polish operation in Munich /May 3rd, 1952/.

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Since the costs depend on the amount of time spend
by your researchers I request that a person put in charge of
this search should get in touch with me in order to receive
dates and all information which may be helpful in his research
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I shall follow with further requests after this stage
is completed and I receive your bill. Hereby I resume full res-
ponsibility for paying your charges within the limit of 500
dollars.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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Dear [Redacted]

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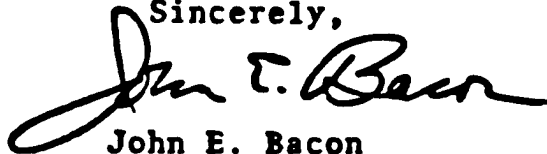
This is in response to your letter of 22 August 1980, wherein you inquired regarding your gaining direct access to our records pertaining to [Redacted] Radio Free Europe.

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Please be advised that our security requirements preclude public access to our records. However, after our search and review process has been completed, we can make the material available to you in our reading room so you might select the items you wish copied.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



John E. Bacon
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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