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RE: Agency Release Panel

REFERENCE: F-2007-01407

Dear Mr. Koch,

I wish to appeal the decision of June 12, 2007, denying me access to files of Jozef (Josef) Swiatlo. I believe that neither of the exemptions noted applies in this case for the following reasons:

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defection both the CIA and the Polish intelligence system have been reorganized several times and in the case of the latter, it transitioned from a totalitarian organization to a democratic one with Poland becoming a close ally of the U.S. and a member of NATO. Swiatlo died in 1985.

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So invoking the National Security Act of 1947 and/or the CIA Act of 1949 is of no relevance in this case.

(2) Furthermore, the CIA has released over time much more sensitive information than I am requesting, as shown on the Agency's website (Family Jewels!). But the most compelling recent example is the case of Col. Ryszard Kuklinski, exfiltrated from Poland in 1981, who provided the Agency with highly sensitive information on the Warsaw Pact and preparations of the Soviet Union to crush "Solidarity" in Poland. The Agency assisted Benjamin Wiser of the New York Times to write a very revealing monograph "A Secret Life: the Polish Officer, His Covert Mission, and the Price He Paid to Save His Country" (2004).

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(3) As I mentioned in my original request, the Polish authorities declassified all Swiatlo files and historians can now work with the available documents. I am currently working

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with a Polish historian on a book about Swiatlo, so the Agency materials would be very important to us as they will allow to present a formidable story of a person, who was in a major way responsible for the political changes in Poland in 1956.

I look forward to your favorable decision.

Sincerely

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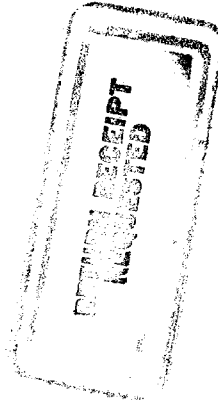
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