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Re: Richard Caluin Cox

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This is in further response to your Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request.

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Please indicate in writing your willingness to pay the estimated fees so that further action can be taken on your request. No payment should be submitted at this time. If you wish to reduce the scope of your request to meet your needs at a lower cost, please advise this office at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Kevin O'Brien, Chief Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts Section Information Management Division

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	SUBJECT OF REQUEST: Richard Calvin Cox
	FOIPA NO: 364,865
D	ear Mr.
In	This is in further response to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request(s) formation pertaining to your request has been set forth below in appropriate paragraphs.
	The additional data requested from you has been received.
	We have received your request which was referred from our Office(s) to FBI Headquarters for handling.
	We are currently conducting a search of indices to our central records system files at FBI Headquarters to determine if we have the records you are seeking. Upon completion of this review, we will advise you.
	We have located documents which may pertain to your request(s), and we will assign them for processing soon.
	We have received your letter expressing your willingness to pay fees of approximately
	We have received your check in the amount of, dated
Ūŀ	The large number of FOIPA requests received by the FBI has caused delay in processing your request(s). The FBI has allocated substantial resources, including manpower, to insure that delays in responding to FOIPA requests are minimized. We solicit your understanding and assure you that we will process your request(s) as soon as possible.
	Your continued patience will be appreciated.
	See Continuation Page for additional information.
	Sincerely yours,
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Œ	This acknowledges your recent Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request submitted to the FBI.
	Based on the limited information you provided, we cannot make an accurate search of our records. Please furnish your complete name, alias, date and place of birth, prior addresses, employments, and any specific data that would permit us to locate the documents you seek.
	Please submit your notarized signature. This procedure is designed to insure that documents, if located, are released only to an individual having right of access to the information.
	If you want a search of our Identification Division records for any arrest record that might pertain to you, please comply with the enclosed instructions set forth in Attorney General Order 556-73. Fingerprint impressions are needed for comparison with records in the Identification Division to insure that an individual's record is not disseminated to an unauthorized person.
ď	We are currently searching the indices to our central records system files at FBI Headquarters for any documents which may pertain to your request. Upon completion of this search you will be notified of the results.
	Provide the complete name, date and place of birth for the subject of your request. If subject is deceased, give date of death and any proof of death you have.
	ur request has been assigned the number indicated above. Please use this number in all

Sincerely yours, J. Kevin O'Brien

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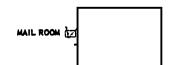
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1. Please follow up on this: Perhaps phone call would avoid future paper work/Congressional.

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J. Kevin O'Brien, Chief

August 24, 1992

FOIA Officer

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Washington, D.C. 20535

RE: 24 May 1957 Richard Alvin Cox

Dear Kevin,

The CIA released to me the attached document on Richard Alvin Cox, but the his real name is Richard Calvin Cox.

This is one of the most intriguing documents, I have found in CIA files. Richard Alvin Cox, a missing cadet, who disappeared from West Point Military Academy on January 14, 1950. According to the document on May 17, 1957 research analyst looking for information "concerning an American Cox, reported held in a prison in Vorkuta, USSR...". "According to (BLANKED OUT) the American prisoner in Vorkuta Camp described in Air Intelligence Information Report IR-255-56 (AF No. 1070277) NPG Team, 7061st Air INTSERON 7050th Air INISTERCO (SUAFE), 18 December 1956, would accurately fit the description of Richard Alvin Cox as he (BLANKED OUT) knew him." (SEE ATTACHED REPORT)

Richard Colvin Cox was a sophomore cadet at West Point who vanished inside the Academy grounds on the evening of January 14, 1950. In 1946 Cox had enlisted in the Army and was assigned to the 27th Constabulary Squadron in Germany. Sgt. Cox was recommended by his superiors for an appointment to West Point and he entered the academy in June 1948. Cadet Cox was in the top third of his class, an excellent athlete, and a long distance runner.

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On January 7, 1950 a man by the name of George, who said he served with Cox in Germany came to West Point asking to see Cox. Cox met his visitor at 5:30 pm in the Grant Hall and was observed shaking hands with his visitor who wore a trench coat. The cadet and his guest left the hall to go to dinner. Cox told his roommates little about his visitor other than he was in his outfit in Germany, he was a Ranger, and he talked about Germans he had killed during the war.

On January 14, 1950, a Saturday at 5:00 pm George, again met with Cox in his barracks. At 6:18 pm Cox was observed by one of his roommates getting dressed to going to have dinner. The sign out log showed that Cox had signed out for "dinner private". Cox however vanished and is listed as AWOL.

Several unanswered questions come to mind when investigators examine the May 24, 1957 CIA MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD. How did Cox get from West Point on January 14, 1950 to Vorkuta prison camp on December 18, 1956? Why when U.S. intelligence officers identified Cox from description and reports did U.S. authorities fail to act on the knowledge that Cox was inside a Soviet Prison camp?

The report goes further to identify a Lt. Col. Flamblen (spelling based upon bad copy of document) who, "advised that he would personally bring this report to the attention of the Commandant, U.S. Military Academy on his next trip to West Point in about ten days." What ever happened to this report about cadet Cox? Why was no action taken and the report kept hidden as a SECRET?

I have learned that the CID or the FBI have two solid reports of Cox. 1) In 1952 when an old friend bumped into Cox in Washington, D.C. and they had a 10 minute conversation in which Cox said he had resigned from the Academy. The source passed a polygraph test on this encounter. 2) In 1960 in Miami, Fla. an FBI informant encountered Cox and reported this contact, that took place in a bar, to the FBI. Every time that the CID or FBI got close to the Cox case they were told to back off, why? Cox is written up in a book called "Among the Missing" by Jay Robert Nash and a book by Allen Churchhill called "They Never Came Back".

There are three options:

- A. Cox was working for the CIA, was recruited by an agent who lived in Teaneck, N.J. and was involved in the Bay of Pigs. (My father-in-law Chuck Francis was also involved in the Bay of Pigs--It is a small world, after all.) Thus the report I received from the CIA was false.
- B. Cox was working for the CIA and got stuck in the USSR. Thus the report I received was valid.
- C. Cox was recruited by the KGB to work for the other side. Thus the report I received may or may not be valid. Please look in you files and see if there is any information on Dick Cox that can be released & let me know. Sincerely,

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reported that he attended a Mest Point Properatory School and entered West Point Hilitary Academy in 1948 with Richard Alvin Company Mansfield. Chie. : Cox mysteriously disappeared from West Point on 14 January 1950. He is still missing and there is no trace of his present mhereabouts.

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At the suggestion of Lt. Colonel M. F. Moucha, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army, this information was brought. to the aftention of the Mest Point Linison Officer to the Daputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations, Lt. Colonel A. C. Hamblen, Jr., Room 3C 400. Tentagon. Code 131. Extension 78923. Lt. Colonel Rumblen was permitted by the writer to make a verbatin extract of that information concerning Cox which appears in Paragraph 7.b., Page 10 of report cited above.

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6. Lt. Colonel Hambles expressed his appreciation for this information and extended his complements to for his alextness in bringing it. to the attention of the Department of the Army.

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