

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

.....
HAROLD WEISBERG,

Plaintiff

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2052-73

UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION,

Defendant
.....

PLAINTIFF'S INTERROGATORIES

Under Rule 33 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff addresses the following interrogatories to the Defendant:

1. Is there any Executive Order which specifically requires the transcript of the January 27, 1964, Warren Commission Executive Session to be kept secret in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy?
2. What is the number of any Executive Order cited in response to Plaintiff's interrogatory No. 1?
3. On what date was any Executive Order cited in response to Plaintiff's interrogatory No. 1 published in the Federal Register?
4. Has any Attorney General of the United States ever made a determination that it is not in the national interest to disclose the transcript of any Warren Commission Executive Session or the report of any interview or scientific test made by or for the Federal Bureau of Investigation during its investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy?
5. If the answer to Plaintiff's interrogatory No. 4 is yes, when and by whom was this determination made?

6. Is the January 27 transcript being withheld from research on the grounds that it is part of an investigatory file compiled for law enforcement purposes?

7. If the answer to Plaintiff's interrogatory No. 6 is yes, what is the specific law enforcement purpose for which the January 27 transcript is being withheld?

8. Have any court proceedings been initiated relevant to any law enforcement purpose cited in response to Plaintiff's interrogatory No. 7?

9. If the answer to Plaintiff's interrogatory No. 8 is yes, what are the titles of these court cases and in what courts were they initiated?

10. Are any future court proceedings contemplated with respect to any law enforcement purpose cited in response to Plaintiff's interrogatory No. 7?

11. With respect to any court proceedings cited in response to Plaintiff's interrogatories No. 8 and No. 10, what harm or prejudice would the government suffer if the January 27 transcript were to be disclosed to Plaintiff Weisberg?

12. Has the disclosure of parts of the January 27 transcript by Representative Gerald Ford harmed the government in any of the court proceedings cited in response to Plaintiff's interrogatory No. 8?

13. Has the disclosure of parts of the January 27 transcript by Representative Gerald Ford prejudiced any future court proceedings cited in response to Plaintiff's interrogatory No. 10?

14. If Representative Gerald Ford's disclosure of parts of the January 27 transcript has harmed the government in any law enforcement proceeding cited in response to Plaintiff's interrogatories No. 8 or No. 10, what is the nature of that harm?

15. Has the Department of Justice or the General Services Administration recommended that any action be taken against Representative Gerald Ford for publicly disclosing parts of the January 27, 1964, transcript stated by the General Services Administration to be classified?

16. Has the Department of Justice or the General Services Administration communicated to the Senate Rules Committee or any other congressional committee the fact that Representative Gerald Ford publicly disclosed parts of the purportedly classified January 27 transcript?

17. Has the Department of Justice or the General Services Administration recommended that any action be taken against Representative Gerald Ford for testifying that he did not reveal any classified information in his book Portrait of the Assassin?

18. Was the January 27 transcript ever given to any law enforcement officer of the State of Texas, including:

- a) Dallas County District Attorney Henry Wade?
- b) Texas Attorney General Waggoner Carr?
- c) Special Assistant to the Texas Attorney General Leon

Jaworski?

19. Was the January 27 transcript ever given to any court or law enforcement agency in the State of Texas?

20. Was the January 27 transcript ever given to any federal agency, including, but not limited to, the following:

- a) The Central Intelligence Agency?
- b) The Federal Bureau of Investigation?
- c) The Office of Naval Intelligence?
- d) The Defense Intelligence Agency?
- e) The National Security Agency?

21. To what "recent developments in the state of the law" was Mr. Richard Q. Vawter, Director of Information, General Services Administration, referring in his February 8, 1972, letter (See Complaint, Exhibit D) to Mr. Harold Weisberg?

Please note that under Rule 33 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure you are required to serve upon the undersigned, within 30 days after service of this notice, your answers in writing and under oath to the above interrogatories.

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DATED: November 29, 1973

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 29th day of November, 1973, served copies of the foregoing interrogatories upon the attorneys for the Defendant, the General Services Administration, by mailing them to the Attorney General for the United States, Mr. Robert Bork, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., and Mr. Michael Ryan, Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, Civil Division, United States Courthouse, 3rd and Constitution, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20001.

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