March 9, 1978

Mr. Harold Weisberg Route 12 Frederick, MD 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in reply to your letter of February 20, 1978.

We cannot make a better copy of Senator Schweiker's letter of November 19, 1975, that contains the handwritten notes to which you refer. The notes appear to have been made by the CIA on a copy of the letter in its possession. We have referred a copy of your letter and this reply, with a copy of Senator Schweiker's letter to the CIA, in the belief that the CIA may be able to furnish you a better copy made from the copy of the letter containing the original notes.

We do not believe that the release of the names of defectors by the CIA and the FBI affects the status of the withheld executive session transcripts of the Warren Commission to which you refer. Mr. Edward J. Epstein did not have access to these transcripts or any other classified documents in the National Archives. If the transcripts should be released, you would be promptly notified.

Sincerely,

(MISS) JANE F. SMITH

Director

Civil Archives Division

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