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(ZNS) AUTHOR AND ASSASSINATION RESEARCHER HAROLD WEISBERG HAS FILED SUIT AGAINST

THE F-B-I OVER THE BUREAU'S HANDLING OF THE RELEASE OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE JOHN

KENNEDY ASSASSINATION CASE.

THE F-B-I EARLIER THIS MONTH RELEASED 40,000 PAGES OF J-F-K DOCUMENTS IN A SINGLE DAY. THE BUREAU SAYS IT PLANS TO RELEASE ANOTHER 40,000 PAGES OF ASSASSINATION MATERIAL IN JANUARY.

WEISBERG, IN A SUIT FILED IN A WASHINGTON, D-C, FEDERAL COURT, CHARGES THAT THE MASS RELEASE OF VOLUMES OF MATERIAL AMOUNTS TO A (QUOTE) "MEDIA EVENT." THE LONG-TIME WARREN COMMISSION CRITIC SAYS THAT THE PRESS IS LITERALLY SNOWED UNDER BY AN AVALANCHE OF DOCUMENTS AND -- BECAUSE OF THEIR NUMBER -- CANNOT ANALYZE THEIR IMPORTANCE.

HE SAYS THE PROCEDURE IS -- IN HIS WORDS -- "REMINISCENT OF THE F-B-I'S TACTIC OF DELUGING THE WARREN COMMISSION WITH REAMS OF IRRELEVANT INFORMATION."

WEISBERG HAS BEEN SUING TO OBTAIN MANY OF THESE SAME DOCUMENTS SINCE 1968 WITHOUT SUCCESS; HIS SUIT ASKS THAT COPIES OF THE MATERIAL BE SUBMITTED TO HIM SO THAT HE CAN DIGEST AND EVALUATE IT AND ADVISE NEWSPAPER REPORTERS AS TO ITS SIGNIFICANCE.--XODIAC Note to News Editors: Weisberg can be reached at (301) 473-8186.

(ZNS) THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION IS SCHEDULED TO RECOMMEND TO THE WHITE HOUSE WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK A GOVERNMENT AGENCY WHICH COULD SERVE AS A CLEARINGHOUSE FOR FUTURE U-F-O REPORTS.

SCIENCE MAGAZINE IS OUT WITH THE REPORT THAT THE AIR FORCE HAS EVEN CLASSIFIED

SOME OF ITS OWN FLYING SAUCER INVESTIGATIVE STUDIES. THE PRESTIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC

PUBLICATION SAYS THAT SELECTED U-F-O REPORTS (QUOTE) "MANY OF WHICH ARE MADE NEAR MILITARY

BASES, AND BY MEN TRAINED TO OBSERVE THE SKIES" HAVE NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC.

SCIENCE ADDS THAT A FEW OF THE STILL-SECRET INCIDENTS WERE -- IN ITS WORDS -
(QUOTE) "INVESTIGATED BY AIR FORCE MEN GOING UP IN PLANES." -- ZODIAC (D/27/77) ++ ++ (MORE)