

C.A. 78-0249  
EXHIBIT 11

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

You appealed from the failure of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to respond within the time limits of the Act to your request for access to the worksheets utilized in processing its files on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The F.B.I. has now released excised copies of the worksheets to you. As I explained to you in our recent telephone conversation, only those excisions were to be made from the worksheets which were necessary to preclude compromising material which had been excised from the underlying records themselves. Those excisions were of classified information, informant file numbers and material the release of which would reveal the identities of confidential sources, or disclose investigative techniques. 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1), (2), (7)(D) and (7)(E). In addition, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(7)(C) was cited by the Bureau to protect the identities of Special Agents, the names of authors of citizen complaint letters, and certain intimate and/or derogatory information about third parties. A member of my staff reviewed the worksheets prior to their release and determined that only those excisions had been made which were in fact necessary to be compatible with the excisions made from the actual records. Accordingly, I am affirming the initial action in this case. The classified materials have been referred to the Department Review Committee for determination whether they warrant continued classification under Executive Order 11652. You will be notified if the Committee's final decision results in the declassification of any information.

Finally, please be assured that my action on this appeal encompasses only the Kennedy assassination worksheets themselves and the excisions made from them. It does not purport to affirm

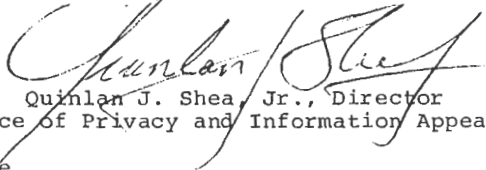
the excisions made from the underlying documents. As I stated in my letter to you of February 21, 1978, I am treating your letter of January 19 as a protective appeal encompassing any particular Kennedy assassination records which you may ultimately decide to appeal. As you already know, this Office would prefer to address any possible issues in the released Kennedy records in the context of specific exemptions and specific documents.

Judicial review of my action on this appeal is available to you in the United States District Court for the judicial district in which you reside or have your principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia, which is also where the worksheets you seek are located.

Sincerely,

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