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Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

DATE: 5/13/75

FROM : Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)
REQUEST OF HAROLD WEISBERG

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For your information, it will be recalled that Weisberg recently reinstated a civil suit to compel production of Laboratory documents pertaining to spectrographic analysis examinations conducted in connection with the assassination case of President John F. Kennedy. Weisberg and his attorney, James H. Lesar, subsequently met with representatives of the Legal Counsel and Laboratory Divisions at which time the scope of his request was identified and the documents to which he sought access were described to him. It was agreed that production of these documents would satisfy his request and moot the pending civil suit. Requested information and documents have been furnished Mr. Weisberg and his attorney.

Mr. Michael Ryan, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), District of Columbia, has now furnished copies of interrogatories (attached) directed by Mr. Weisberg's attorney to the Department of Justice and the United States Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA) regarding additional data not previously obtained by Weisberg during various steps of negotiations. Mr. Ryan indicates this matter has been set for a repeat status call by Judge John H. Pratt, United States District Court for the District of Columbia, for 5/21/75. Judge Pratt expects our affidavit along with ERDA's affidavit showing compliance with Weisberg's FOIA request prior to 5/21/75.

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coordinated with the Laboratory Division and the Legal Counsel Office has discussed this matter with Mr. Jeffrey Axelrad, Department of Justice, Civil Division, and the aforementioned Mr. Michael Ryan. There is attached to this memorandum the affidavit of SA John W. Kilty.

Enclosures

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the attached affidavit be approved and thereafter be hand-carried to AUSA Ryan by representative of the FOIA Litigation Unit, Legal Counsel Office, in an effort to comply with Judge Pratt's wishes for an early determination of this matter. Also a copy of the affidavit will be hand-carried to Mr. Jeffrey Axelrad, Department of Justice.

J. B. Adams

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by SA Ryan 5/14/75
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