IN THE

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIADEC 18 1978 HAROLD WEISBERG, Appellant No. 78-1107 V. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, - Appellee

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE REPLY BRIEF WITH ADDENDUM

On December 14, 1978, appellant lodged copies of his reply brief with the Clerk of the Court. The following day appellant's counsel was advised by the Clerk's Office that he would have to file a motion for leave to file the brief with an addendum.

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth below, appellant moves the Court for leave to file his reply brief with the addendum which is presently affixed to the copies lodged with the Court and served on opposing counsel.

This case is a Freedom of Information Act suit by authorcritic Harold Weisberg for disclosure of records of the scientific testing of items of evidence in the assassination of President John J. Kennedy. When this case was last before this Court, the Court stated that [t]he data which [Weisberg] seeks to have produced, if it exists, are matters of interest not only to him but to the nation," and held that "their existence or nonexistence should be determined speedily on the basis of the best available evidence, i. e., the witnesses who had personal knowledge of events at the time the investigation was made." Weisberg v. U.S. Dept. of Justice, 543 F. 2d 308, 311 (D.C. Cir. 1976).

On remand, Weisberg took the depositions of three former
FBI agents and one who was still active. These depositions established that tests which FBI Agent John W. Kilty had sworn in an affidavit were not done, in fact had been performed. In addition, Weisberg's discovery also unearthed FBI records which statet that records on a vitally important test, the spectrographic analysis of a piece of curbstone allegedly struck by bullet, were "missing."

Weisberg then noted Agent Kilty's deposition in an effort to ascertain the nature of any search that was made for records he had not received but which he believed were still in existence. However, on the basis of the government's ex parte representations the district court quashed the Kilty deposition and cut off all further discovery by Weisberg.

On appeal appellees assert that records sought by Weisberg which did exist were either "destroyed as duplicative" or "discarded in periodic housecleanings." (Emphasis added) [Appellees' Brief at 11-12, 14, 20-22] There is, however, no first-hand testi-

mony that these records were in fact destroyed. The May 13, 1975 Kilty affidavit, upon which appellees rely for their allegation that there has been an adequate file search, makes no such claim. Nor does Kilty's subsequent affidavit, executed June 23, 1975. Instead, both conceal the fact that vitally important records sought by Weisberg did exist but were "missing" and had not been found by the FBI during whatever search, if any, that was made for them.

Thus, the claim that these records are not now extant rests entirely upon the "testimony" of appellees' counsel and other hearsay.

The "testimony" of appellees' counsel is immediately suspect because among these "missing" records are the spectrographic plate on the testing of a piece of curbstone allegedly struck by bullet and the notes made therefrom. It is inherently incredible that this spectrographic plate, one of a number of such plates made during the spectrographic analysis of various items of evidence, should be the only one said to have been discarded "in periodic housecleanings," particularly when newly obtained FBI documents seem to confirm the evidence adduced by Weisberg which shows that the curbstone was altered or "patched" before it was tested, and that the FBI knew this. In addition, it is obvious that no space would be saved by discarding one spectrographic plate.

Very recently Weisberg obtained documentary evidence which bears directly on the existence of records he has not received and the alleged destruction of some such records. These FBI documents would seem to make claims of the destruction or discarding of records on the testing of Kennedy assassination evidence highly implausible. Accordingly, at pages 23-24 of his reply brief, Weisberg made an offer of proof that:

- 1. As noted in a July 19, 1965 FBI memorandum, the FBI Laboratory made a review of "various Laboratory reports and other documents" and "carefully scrutinized the 202-page listing of documents submitted for our review." [Exhibit 2]
- 2. That on August 1, 1979, in accordance with the October 31, 1966 order of Attorney General Ramsey Clark that the national interest required that the entire body of evidence considered by the Warren Commission and then in the possession of the United States be preserved intact (31 Federal Register No. 212, Nov. 1, 1966), the Special Agent in Charge of the Dallas Field Office was instructed that "all bulky exhibits and evidence" in specified files on the assassinatin of President Kennedy "should be indefinitely retained." [Exhibit 2]
- 3. That a January 31, 1973 memorandum reflects that the Dallas Field Office was again advised to retain its bulky exhibits on the Kennedy assassination and reference was made to "the semi-annual inventory of Bulky Exhibits." [Exhibit 4]



4. That a January 7, 1977 teletype from the Dallas Field
Office provided an inventory of its files on the Kennedy assassination and stated: "No known materials relative to . . . the above listed files related to the John F. Kennedy assassination have been destroyed under the destruction of files and records program."

[Exhibit 5]

5. That a February 15, 1969 memorandum to the Dallas SAC reports on the finding of a bullet in the vicinity of Commerce Street and the Stemmons Freeway which the finder said "appeared to have ricocheted off of something" and which he suggested might be the third bullet in the assassination of President Kennedy; but that Weisberg has not been provided with any records regarding the testing of this bullet. [Exhibit 6]

These recently obtained FBI documents obviously have a direct bearing on whether claims by appellees' counsel, or anyone else, that records sought by Weisberg have been destroyed, can be believed. Because Weisberg was not permitted to adduce evidence with respect to whether such records are still extant in the district court, he feels that in order to prevent a fraud from being perpetrated upon the Court, he must call these matters to the Court's attention.

As in Weisberg v. General Services Administration, D.C. Cir. No. 77-1831, still pending before this Court, in which a somewhat similar situation arose, Weisberg contends that the Court has an inherent right to protect its own integrity by permitting materials such as these to be added to the record at the appellate stage. While it

is generally true that an appellate court must look only to the record before the district court in deciding questions presented, in appropriate circumstances an appellate court may, in the interest of justice, order the record enlarged to include materials which were not before the district court. Washington v. United States, 130 U.S.App.D.C. 374, 378, n. 19, 401 F. 2d 915, 919 (1968); Gatewood v. United States, 93 U.S.App.D.C. 226, 230, n. 5, 209 F. 2d 789 (1953); Turk v. United States, 429 F. 2d 1327 (8th Cir. 1970). In addition, Weisberg notes that 28 U.S.C. §2106 provides:

The Supreme Court or any other court of appellate jurisdiction may affirm, modify, vacate, set aside or reverse any judgment, decree, or order of a court lawfully brought before it for review, and may remand the cause and direct the entry of such appropriate judgment, decree, or order, or require such further proceedings to be had as may be just under the circumstances.

Under circumstances where Weisberg is confronted on appeal with "testimony" of adversary counsel on matters which Weisberg was prohibited from addressing in the court below, it would seem just that he be permitted to call this Court's attention to evidence which he has obtained since this Court assumed jurisdiction over this case which throws the gravest doubts over the claim that Kennedy assassination records have been discarded or destroyed.

This Court has recently had occasion to address the scope of its discretion under 28 U.S.C. §2106 in its decision in the case of William Jordan, et al. v. United States Department of Justice, D.C. Cir. No. 77-1240, decided October 31, 1978. The panel

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opinion in that case notes three situations in which an agency might invoke an exemption on appeal for the first time. The second of these situations is "because of a substantial change in the factual context of the case or because of an interim development in applicable legal doctrine." (Slip op., at 56) The Court found that under this circumstance it might exercise its discretion to "remand the cause and . . . require such further proceedings to be had as may be just under the circumstances." (Slip op. at 57) Weisberg would contend that what applies to an agency in a Freedom of Information Act case applies with equal, indeed greater, force to a FOIA plaintiff. In this case, the factual circumstance has been changed by the fact that Weisberg has obtained documents which are clearly inconsistent with the claims made by appellees' counsel on the strength of their own unsworn word.

Accordingly, Weisberg requests that this Court take whatever measures it deems appropriate to assure that the documents which he has attached to his Reply Brief as Addendums 2-6 (and which are attached to this motion as Exhibits 2-6) are made part of the record for purposes of this appeal and do not escape the attention of the panel which hears the case. In addition, Weisberg makes the same request with respect to Addendum 1 (attached hereto as Exhibit 1), which bears on the question of the FBI's motivation for not having located the spectrographic plate of the curbstone testing by showing that before the curbstone was tested the FBI knew that it had been altered but went ahead and tested it anyway and passed the results on

to the Warren Commission for all the world as if the results were, or even could be, authentic. (An offer of proof with respect to this Addendum was made at page p. 22 of his Reply Brief.)

For the above-stated reasons, Weisberg would ask that the Court grant him leave to file his Reply Brief with the six addendums which are attached thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 18th day of December, 1978, mailed a copy of the foregoing Motion For Leave To File Reply Brief With Addendum to Assistant United States Attorney John H. Korns, D.C. Superior Court Building, Washington, D.C. 20001.

JAMES H. LESAR

EXHIBIT 1

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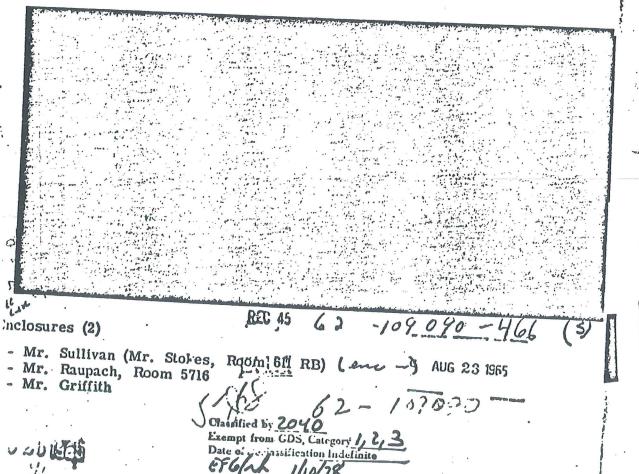
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RE: 'COMMISSION DOCUMENTS ORIGINATING
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PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON THE

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

In connection with the pending review of documents originating in the Bureau that were submitted in connection with this matter looking toward public disclosure, the Laboratory has completed a review of the copies maintained of various Laboratory reports and other documents prepared in the Laboratory. In addition, the Laboratory has carefully scrutinized the 202-page listing of documents submitted for our review. Based upon these reviews two items were noted that should be withheld from public disclosure as follows:



Copies of the two sensitive Laboratory reports are enclosed for General Investigative Division and Domestic Intelligence Division.

No other patently objectionable documents were noted; however, for possible assistance and guidance of the other divisions conducting reviews, the following three items of possible significance were noted:

3. Laboratory report dated 7/8/64, CR-12614 KA. The result of this examination is the decryption of two personal letters in Braille. The letters are answers to communications sent by an apparently mentally deranged blind person and do not deal directly with the Oswald matter. There is no question of cryptanalytic sensitivity, it is rather a question of personal aspects of the source of this material, which we are not in a position to evaluate.

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, 11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
DL file 89-43 (P*)

In view of continued correspondence and inquiries from time to time necessitating acknowledgement and also in view of Public Law 89-318 relating to items of evidence obtained in captioned investigations to be designated by the Attorney General for preservation by U. S., all bulky exhibits and evidence in these cases should be indefinitely retained.

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He said he picked up this bullet and put it in his pocket and has had it in his possession since that time. He said the bullet was "somewhat corroded, as if it had been in the weather for a long time". He said he mentioned his finding of the bullet to his engineer, who suggested it may be the "third bullet" which he had heard about in connection with the assassination of President KENNEDY, since he found it "in just about the right spot

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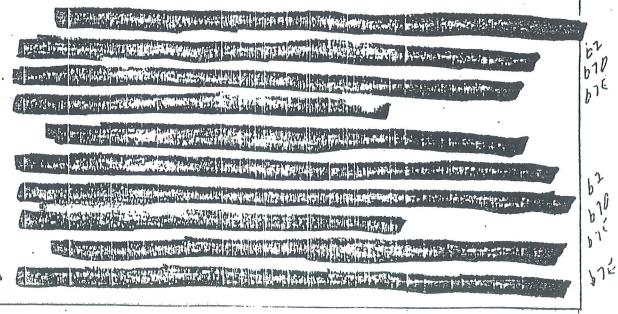
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