

## He'd Had Enough

# Court Denies Author JFK Murder Data

Washington

The U.S. Court of Appeals upheld yesterday a lower court ruling that the FBI is not obliged to furnish author Harold Weisberg with additional information on the assassination of President John Kennedy.

"This court has bent over backwards to ensure that Weisberg have a reasonable opportunity to develop his case against the FBI," the appeals court said.

"We have sorted through the mass of Weisberg's contentions, in many instances with more care than he has demonstrated in making them," it continued. "At long last, we are convinced that the government has carried its burden. . . . We therefore bring this long and difficult litigation to a close."

Weisberg, author of six books on the Kennedy assassination, filed suit in 1970 under the Freedom of Information Act. The court of appeals noted that it had already considered various aspects of Weisberg's suit three times.

"We find that the government has finally proven the adequacy of its search for all documents Weisberg has requested," the three-judge panel said in a 38-page opinion.

Weisberg contended that the FBI destroyed or withheld evidence that would show Lee Harvey Oswald did not act alone in shooting Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas.

The court said there was an indication of FBI foot-dragging before Congress strengthened the Freedom of Information Act in 1974. But since then "the FBI has in many instances been unquestionably generous in its effort to assist Weisberg's investigation," the court said.

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