

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

August 4, 1978

Mr. Harold Weisberg Route 12 - Old Receiver Road Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Reference is made to your Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request for information concerning the tie worn by President John F. Kennedy at the time of his assassination as stated in your letter dated May 5, 1978.

Please be advised that based on the limited information you provided, it is not possible to make an accurate search of our central records system. The indices to our central records are arranged alphabetically by subject. This arrangement permits an expeditious search and retrieval of material pertaining to different subject matter. As there is no index pertaining specifically to the files on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and as they contain over 98,000 pages, we are unable to go any further in our search for the records you seek. To do so would require a page by page review of all records pertaining to the Assassination and the FOIPA does not require this type of exhaustive exhumation of records.

You have thirty days from receipt of this letter to appeal to the Attorney General from any denial contained herein. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Attorney General (Attention: Office of Privacy and Information Appeals), Washington, D. C. 20530. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal."

Sincerely yours,

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Allen H. McCreight, Chief Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts Branch Records Management Division