



U.S. Department of Justice

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Washington, D.C. 20530

Mr. Harold Weisberg
7627 Old Receiver Road
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This responds to your letter of April 30, 1980.

As you request, all future mailings of records will be by certified mail, and more adequately boxed. Notations of exemptions claimed for excised portions of documents will be shown on the margin, opposite each deletion. The marginal notation of exemptions, as well as the notation following the description of the item in the schedule will be in black ink.

Our policy with regard to duplicate copies has been to provide the copy which contains notations. We will, however, provide you all duplicates.

You refer to an unidentified Thomson, and surmise him to be the "late George Thomson". We have no knowledge of the individual other than what appears in item #412. That document provides his full names, and indicates that he is the author of several books, and a treatise about the Kennedy assassination. The portions deleted contained candid comments about Mr. Thomson, and why the Department should not respond to his letters. Exemption 5 is in our opinion applicable.

We have attempted to assert 7(C) only in instances in which names or information about individuals appeared about which insufficient information was available to us to warrant public disclosure. We may err in this regard because, as you so correctly point out, none of our staff is expert on the subject of the assassination. These deletions will, of course, be reviewed by Mr. Shea's office when your administrative appeal is handled.

The schedule which we furnished to you with the documents indicated which of the numbered documents had been referred, and the components or agencies to which the referrals were made.

We have noted your street number, and will use that in all future correspondence.

Sincerely,

E. ROSS BUCKLEY, Chief

Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Unit
Criminal Division