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Dear Mr. Buckley,

Your March 14 letter was delayed so that it and Spring came simultaneously. Two happy occasions.

That you got around to responding in a mere 22 months also is encouraging. There are all those requests to which there has been no response in a decade and periods of time not much shorter.

From skimming your list of documents indexed to various aspects of the JFK assassination I am certain they are valuable and that I would like a copy of all of them.

As a consequence of my C.A. 77-2155, Opinion 1/16/78, there is a somewhat different situation. The Department assured that court that it would provide me with all records at a discount. The court, taking other factors into consideration, directed that the records in question be provided without cost to me. One reason is that they are all already willed to a public archive in a major university system. Since then there has been no charge.

This may all be strange to you. Perhaps you will feel more comfortable obtaining any further information from Mr. Quinlan Shea, who has personal knowledge and was in the courtroom that day. But if there is any further information you desire after speaking to him please ask me.

In time all those records will have to be reviewed. I am willing to help you in any way possible, including by informing you or enabling you to inform yourself with regard to what requires subject expertise, like whether there are legitimate privacy concerns or whether the information has been made public.

I preserve all these records in the form in which I receive them so that when they reach the university they will be in that condition. If you have any question about this you are perfectly welcome to make a personal inspection.

Generally the records are by Sections or Volumes. Sometimes the closing device is not included. If necessary I will pay the cost of the closures. There are two reasons for this. First, it provide much more security for the records and second I must be very careful not to scratch or cut myself. This is because of the anti-coagulant I am on as treatment for circulatory illnesses.

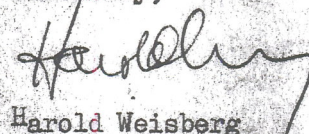
My information requests also include the indices. These, of course, greatly enhance the value in scholarship and provide access to the information for scholars.

If you would be kind enough to write me about the King assassination records and those within my PA request I would appreciate it much.

Although there has been a great time lag I assure you I am very glad to receive your letter.

Copy Mr. Shea

Sincerely,


Harold Weisberg