



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Reference is made to your Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts request for the 3X5 special index prepared by the Dallas Field Office during the investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

You are being furnished, under separate cover, releasable copies of 5,600 index cards which have been completely processed to date. You will note that in some instances information has been excised from the cards pursuant to an applicable Freedom of Information Act exemption. Additionally, in order to protect our confidential sources, classified information or personal privacy, it was necessary to withhold in its entirety any index card (or prepare a new index card where the card contained other releasable information) which references a serial in the files where excisions of information, for which the original index card was prepared, were made on that basis. The alphabetical nature of the index precludes the complete release of cards which reference serials in the files where information was excised, for which the original index card was prepared, since that would lead to the identification of confidential sources or the compromise of classified information or personal privacy interests. Accordingly, 404 cards have been denied in their entirety and 297 new cards have been prepared.

The excisions made on the cards were made pursuant to the following subsections of Title 5, United States Code, Section 552:

- (b)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 12065 in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy;

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- (b)(3) information specifically exempted from disclosure by statute Title 26, United States Code, Section 6103;
- (b)(6) materials contained in sensitive records such as personnel or medical files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the disclosure of which would:
 - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of another person;
 - (D) reveal the identity of an individual who has furnished information to the FBI under confidential circumstances or reveal information furnished only by such a person and not apparently known to the public or otherwise accessible to the FBI by overt means.

If you so desire, you may appeal to the Associate Attorney General from any denial contained herein. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Associate Attorney General (Attention: Office of Privacy and Information Appeals), United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. 20530, within thirty days from receipt of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal."

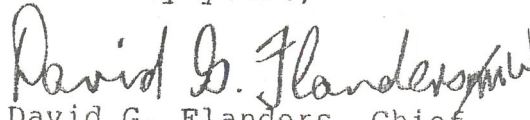
When outstanding referrals are returned to the FBI appropriate action will be taken on the affected index cards and you will be notified.

Also enclosed under separate cover is a copy of the inventory of the Dallas Field Office files pertaining to the assassination of President Kennedy which has

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been cross-referenced to the FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) files maintained on the assassination. There are instances where a Dallas Field Office document has been cross-referenced to an unrecorded FBIHQ document, that is, an FBIHQ document which has no serial number. The cross reference will be written as, for example, NR 3824(2), which refers to the 2nd unrecorded serial following serial 3824.

Sincerely yours,



David G. Flanders, Chief
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