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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Your September 19 letter again raised questions which I thought had been answered in my prior letters. However, I will again try to provide answers to your questions.

Upon receipt of your original request, we searched all of the files that were known to exist, financial, technical and general correspondence and of the documents found, determined that no basis existed for denying you copies of any existing records. We therefore made copies of all existing records and furnished them to you.

The contract between the Regents of the University of California and the Federal Government contains a general statement covering research, development and educational activities related to nuclear sciences and the use of energy. Dr. Alvarez's role as Associate Director at the LBL, is to implement or define along with other scientists, the specific areas of research to be investigated.

While the major areas of research are set forth in writing, minor activities or off shoots from major investigations, since they cannot be planned or known of in advance, are left to the discretion of Senior Scientists, with the concurrence of the Laboratory Director.

Such is the situation here. Dr. Alvarez became interested in the Kennedy assassination, applied analytical physics techniques to try to prove certain points and published the results, all with the concurrence of the Laboratory Director.

Mr. Harold Weisberg

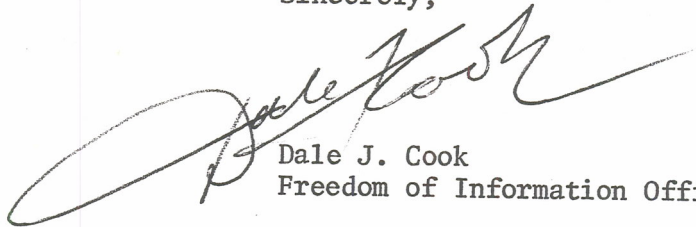
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It is my position that there has been no denial action in your case and that you have been furnished with copies of all existing available records that are subject to the Freedom of Information Act coverage.

However, if you still believe differently, in order to make an appeal from a denial in a Freedom of Information matter, you must comply with the regulations detailed in 40 Federal Register No. 34, paragraph 709.10, copy enclosed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dale J. Cook", is written over a horizontal line.

Dale J. Cook
Freedom of Information Officer

Enclosure:
As stated