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Mr. Gerald D. Fines
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U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Fines,

Your letter of February 22 arrived when I was out of town. In response, let me begin by quoting the first part of your second paragraph, for I think it is inaccurate and that it would be unfortunate were such a misconception to become a fixed idea:

"In order for your request to be considered, it is necessary that you complete the enclosed Form DJ-118 in detail."

This is not accurate as a matter of either fact or law, and most of the information provided by your Department and others is provided without completion of such forms. You may elect to require the completion of the form. Because you have this right, I enclose the completed one.

Naturally, I could have included one with the original letter. However, as you may not understand, I find the whole concept that a citizen must use legal force to obtain public information from his government inconsistent with the theory of our society and government.

I do hope the day comes when government feels the same way.

The required check is also enclosed.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20530



REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO OFFICIAL RECORD
UNDER 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 28 CFR PART 16

See instructions for payment and delivery of this form at bottom of page

NAME OF REQUESTER Harold Weisberg		ADDRESS (street, city, state and zip code) Rt. 8, Frederick, Md. 21701	
DATE 5/4/71		NUMBER OF COPIES REQUESTED 1 each	OFFICE AND CITY WHERE RECORD IS LOCATED (if known) Washington
DO YOU WISH TO RECEIVE COPIES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, SO INDICATE (no more than 10 copies of any document will be furnished).			
DESCRIPTION OF RECORD REQUESTED (include any information which may be helpful in locating record)			

8x10 glossy prints of damage to President Kennedy's clothing prior to removal of samples for spectrographic and/or other analyses, made from negatives rather than prints; other photographs of damages to this clothing (other than FBI Exhibit 60), 8x10 glossy, also made from negatives rather than prints, as per letter of 2/17/71. Although this is separate from existing litigation, it can be said to be related.

LITIGATION: DOES THIS REQUEST RELATE TO A MATTER IN PENDING OR PROSPECTIVE LITIGATION? YES NO

FILL IN IF IN PENDING LITIGATION →	COURT (check one)	DISTRICT	NAME OF CASE	DOCKET NUMBER
	<input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATE	DC	Weisberg v GSA, Nat. Archives	GA 2569-70

Harold Weisberg
SIGNATURE

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