

*with spectro plates*

Mr. Quin Shea, Director  
FOIPA Appeals  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

2/14/81

Dear Mr. Shea,

Enclosed are my today's letter to Mr. Brosson of the FBI and his letter to which it responds.

I believe my letter requires no amplification but if you want any further information, please ask me.

I believe that I provided you with xerox copies of the photographic copies of the spectrographic plates. Examination of them will show that some are not clear. I do not believe the FBI's representation that these "are the best copies that can be provided." Comparison of the copies I sent you with the plates themselves will disclose whether the plates have the blurred areas that exist in the copies provided.

This is a 1975 case or one filed six years ago. The cost to all parties, including the Court, has been great because of the official stonewalling that taints official behavior. Most of this cost is total waste.

To date the FBI has done nothing pursuant to the remand except that after stonewalling and under compulsion it has provided some response to discovery. That limited compliance with the discovery requests include the FBI's statement that its raw material can be accurately interpreted by an expert. In plainer English this internal record states that clear copies can be used to evaluate the FBI's interpretation of the evidence. This can mean that the FBI's interpretation can be disputed, or that there can be motive in providing unclear copies.

As you know, I have not insisted on decisions within the statutory time limit of the Act. In this case, however, given the age of the case and the fact that we will be before the Court in the not distant future, I am asking that you act promptly in order that ~~no~~ no more time, including that of the Court, be wasted.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg