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Mr. Harold Weisberg  
7627 Old Receiver Road  
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Re: Appeal No. 81-0568  
RLH:TJM:PLH

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

You appealed from the action of the Drug Enforcement Administration on four cassette tapes referred to it by the Federal Bureau of Investigation pertaining to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

After careful consideration of your appeal, I have decided to affirm the initial action in this case. The tapes were properly withheld from you pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(7)(C) and (7)(D). These provisions pertain to investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which would, respectively, constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties, in some instances by revealing an investigative interest in them on the part of the D.E.A., and disclose the identity of a confidential source. This material is not appropriate for discretionary release.

For your information, the tapes, two originals and two duplicates, consist of a conversation between a confidential informant and a third party who was the subject of investigatory interest. The transcripts of these tapes are located in F.B.I. documents 89-43-1A 361-364.

Judicial review of my action on this appeal is available to you in the United States District Court for the judicial district in which you reside or have your principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia, which is also where the records you seek are located.

Sincerely,

Roger Clegg  
Acting Assistant Attorney General

By:   
Richard L. Huff, Co-Director  
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