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Mr. Harold Weisberg Route 12 Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Harold:

Enclosed are some docket entries for several of your cases. I thought they might help you to keep your records on them straight.

Also enclosed is a list of your cases (and the one brought in my name), which should help to keep them straight.

Best regards,

Jim

## Weisberg FOIA Cases

## A. District Court Cases

- 1. Civil Action No. 718-70, Weisberg v. United States Department of Justice, United States Department of State. Filed March 11, 1970. Suit for disclosure of official records pertaining to extradition of James Earl Ray. Edward M. Curran, Judge. Bernard Fensterwald and William G. Ohlhausen of Fensterwald & Ohlhausen, attorneys for Weisberg. David J. Anderson and Harland F. Anderson, Attorneys, Department of Justice, and William D. Rucklehaus, Assistant Attorney General, attorneys for the government.
- 2. Civil Action No. 2301-70, Weisberg v. United States Department of Justice. Filed August 3, 1970. Suit for disclosure of spectrographic analysis of items of evidence in assassination of President John F. Kennedy. John J. Sirica, Judge. Bernard Fensterwald, Jr., of Fensterwald & Ohlhausen, attorney for Weisberg. Robert M. Werdig and Joseph M. Hannon, Assistant United States Attorneys, and Thomas A. Flannery, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, attorneys for the Department of Justice.
- 3. Civil Action No. 2569-70, Weisberg v. General Services Administration. Filed \_\_\_\_\_\_, 1970. Suit for photographs of President Kennedy's clothing. Gerhard A. Gesell, Judge. Weisberg, pro se. Robert M. Werdig and Joseph M. Hannon, Assistant United States Attorneys, and Thomas A. Flannery, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, attorneys for the government.
- 4. Civil Action No. 2052-73, Weisberg v. General Services Administration. Filed November 13, 1973. Suit for January 27, 1964 Warren Commission executive session transcript. Gerhard A. Gesell, Judge. Michael J. Ryan and Arnold T. Aikens, Assistant United States Attorneys, and Earl J. Silbert, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, attorneys for the defendant. James H. Lesar, attorney for Weisberg.
- 5. Civil Action No. 75-226, Weisberg v. United States Department of Justice, United States Department of Energy Research and Development Administration. Filed February 19, 1975. Suit for spectrographic and neutron activation analyses and other scientific testing of items of evidence in assassination of President Kennedy. John A. Pratt, Judge. James H. Lesar, attorney for Weisberg. Michael J. Ryan and Robert N. Ford, Assistant United States Attorneys, and Earl J. Silbert, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, attorneys for the government.

- 6. Civil Action No. 75-1448, Weisberg v. General Services Administration. Filed September 4, 1975. Suit for disclosure of January 21, May 19, and June 23, 1964 Warren Commission executive session transcripts. Aubrey E. Robinson, Jr., Judge. James H. Lesar, attorney for Weisberg. Assistant United States Attorneys Michael J. Ryan and Robert N. Ford and United States Attorney for the District of Columbia Earl J. Silbert for the government.
- 7. Civil Action No. 75-1996, Weisberg v. United States Department of Justice. Filed: November 28, 1975. Suit for disclosure of records pertaining to assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. June L. Green, Judge. James H. Lesar, attorney for Weisberg. John R. Dugan and Robert N. Ford, Assistant United States Attorneys, Earl J. Silbert, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, Barbara Babcock, Assistant Attorney General, and Lynn K. Zusman and Betsy Ginsberg, attorneys, Department of Justice, for the government.
- 8. Civil Action No. 77-0692, Lesar v. Department of Justice. Filed April 21, 1977. Suit for disclosure of Report to the Attorney General by the Office of Professional Responsibility on the FBI's Martin Luther King, Jr. assassination and security investigations and the voluminous appendix materials thereto. Gerhard A. Gesell, Judge. James H. Lesar, pro se. Danield J. Metcalfe, Jeffrey Axelrad, and Lynn K. Zuxman, attorneys, Department of Justice, Earl J. Silbert, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, and Barbara Allen Babcock, Assistant Attorney General, attorneys for the government.
- 9. Civil Action No. 77-1997, Weisberg v. Central Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency. Filed November 21, 1977. John Lewis Smith, Judge. Suit for records pertaining to Martin Luther King, Jr., James Earl Ray, and assassination of Dr. King. Johnn Dolan, Daniel J. Metcalfe, Lynn K. Zusman, attorneys, Department of Justice, Earl J. Silbert, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, and Barbara Allen Babcock, Assistant Attorney General, attorneys for the government.
- 10. Civil Action No. 77-2155, Weisberg v. Griffin Bell, Benjamin R. Civiletti, Quinlan J. Shea, Jr., Clarence M. Kelley. Filed December 19, 1977. Suit to require FBI to provide copies of estimated 80,000 pages of Headquarters records on JFK assassination to Weisberg free of all search fees and copying charges. Initially assigned to Judge George L. Hart, Jr. Transferred to Judge Gerhard A. Gesell. James H. Lesar, attorney for Weisberg. Paul F. Figley, Daniel J. Metcalfe, Jo Ann Dolan, and Lynn Zusman, attorneys, Department of Justice, Earl J. Silbert, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, and Barbara Allen Babcock, Assistant Attorney General, attorneys for the government.

- 11. Civil Action No. 78-0249, Weisberg v. Clarence M. Kelley, Griffin Bell, U.S. Department of Justice. Filed February 13, 1978. John Lewis Smith, Judge (initially assigned to Louis F. Oberdorfer, Judge). Suit for worksheets on FBI Headquarters records on JFK assassination and records related to reequests for and processing and release of those documents. James H. Lesar, attorney for Weisberg. Emory J. Bailey and Lynn K. Zusman, attorneys, Department of Justice, Barbara Allen Babcock, Assistant Attorney General, and Earl J. Silbert, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia.
- 12. Civil Action No. 78-322, Weisberg v. William H. Webster, Griffin Bell, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice. Filed February 24, 1978. John Lewis Smith, Judge (initially assigned to Louis F. Oberdorfer, Judge). Suit for records of FBI's New Orleans Field Office on assassination of John F. Kennedy. James H. Lesar, attorney for Weisberg. Daniel J. Metcalfe and Lynne K. Zusman, attorneys, Department of Justice, Earl J. Silbert, United States Attorney, and Barbara Allen Babcock, Assistant Attorney General.
- 13. Civil Action No. 78-420, Weisberg v. Federal Bureau of Investigation, William H. Webster, United States Department of Justice, and Griffin Bell. Filed March 10, 1978. Suit for disclosure of records of FBI's Dallas Field Office on assassination of President Kennedy. James H. Lesar, attorney for Weisberg. Daniel J. Metcalfe and Lynne K. Zusman, attorneys, Department of Justice, Earl J. Silber, United States Attorney, Barbara Allen Babcock, Assistant Attorney General, attorneys for the government.

## B. Court of Appeals Cases

- Case No. 71-1026, Weisberg v. United States Department of Justice (appeal from Civil Action No. 2301-70). Initially heard on April 14, 1972 by three-judge panel comprised of Chief Judge David L. Bazelon, Senior Circuit Judge John A. Danaher, and United States District Court Judge Frank R. Kaufman. Bernard Fensterwald, Jr. and James H. Lesar, attorneys for Weisberg. Walter H. Fleischer and Barbara Herwig, attorneys, Department of Justice, Thomas A. Flannery, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, and L. Patrick Gray, III, Assistant Attorney General, represented the government. Panel opinion in Weisberg's favor issued on February 28, 1973. Majority opinion by Judge Frank R. Kaufman, in which Chief Judge David L. Bazelon concurred. Dissent filed by Senior Circuit Judge John A. Danaher. Case reheard by the Court of Appeals sitting en banc plus one on July 11, 1973. Chief Judge David L. Bazelon, Circuit Judges Carl McGowan, Edward A. Tamm, Harold Levanthal, Spottswood Robinson, III, George E. MacKinnon, Roger Robb, and Malcolm R. Wilkey, and Senior Circuit Judge John A. Danaher. Decision issued on October 24, 1973. Majority opinion written by Senior Circuit Judge Danaher affirmed District Judge John J. Sirica. Only Chief Judge David L. Bazelon dissented. Weisberg v. U.S. Department of Justice, 160 U.S.App.D.C. 71, 489 F. 2d 1195 (1973) (en banc), cert. denied 416 U.S. 933 (1974).
- 2. Case No. 75-2021, Weisberg v. United States Department of Justice, United States Energy Research and Development Administration (appeal from Civil Action No. 75-226). Heard on June 3, 1976 before three-judge panel comprised of Circuit Judges Malcolm R. Wilkey and Spottswood W. Robinson, III, and U.S. District Court Judge William J. Jameson. Decision issued on July 7, 1976. Opinion written by Judge Wilkey, reversed decision of District Court Judge John A. Pratt. James H. Lesar represented Weisberg. Michael E. Stein and Leonard Schaitman, attorneys, Department of Justice, Earl J. Silbert, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, and Rex E. Lee, Assistant Attorney General, represented the government.
- 3. Case No. 77-1831, Weisberg v. General Services Administration (appeal from Civil Action No. 75-1448). Heard by three-judge panel comprised of D.C. Circuit Judges David L. Bazelon, Spottswood W. Robinson, III, and Edward A. Tamm on February 13, 1979. James H. Lesar, attorney for Weisberg. Linda M. Cole and Leonard Schaitman, attorneys, Department of Justice, Earl J. Silbert, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, and Barbara Allen Babcock, Assistant Attorney General, represented the Government. Case dismissed in part as moot by order dated January 12, 1979. By order dated March 15, 1979, decision of District Judge Aubrey E. Robinson was affirmed with respect to May 19, 1964 Warren Commission executive session transcript.

- 4. Case No. 78-1107, Weisberg v. United States Department of Justice, United States Energy Research and Development Administration (appeal from Civil Action No. 75-226). Heard on March 20, 1979 by three-judge panel comprised of D.C. Circuit Judges David L. Bazelon and Spottswood W. Robinson, III, and Third Circuit Judge Francis L. Van Dusen. James H. Lesar, attorney for Weisberg. John H. Korns, John A. Terry, Michael W. Farrell, and Michael J. Ryan, Assistant United States Attorneys, Earl J. Silbert, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, attorneys for the government.
- 5. Case No. 78-1641, Weisberg v. United States Department of Justice (appeal from Civil Action No. 75-1996). Scheduled to be heard on June 6, 1979. James H. Lesar, attorney for Weisberg. Michael L. Kimmel and Leonard Schaitman, attorneys, Department of Justice, Earl J. Silbert, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, and Barbara Allen Babcock, Assistant Attorney General, represent the government.
- 6. Case No. 78-1731, Weisberg v. General Services Administration (appeal from Civil Action No. 75-1448). James H. Lesar, attorney for Weisberg. Michael L. Kimmel and Leonard Schaitman, attorneys, Department of Justice, Earl J. Silbert, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, Barbara Allen Babcock, Assistant Attorney General. Case consolidated with Case No. 77-1831 by order of August 4, 1978. Dismissed as moot by order of January 12, 1979.
- 7. Case No. 78-2305, Lesar v. Department of Justice (appeal from Civil Action No. 77-692).

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