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## High Court Refuses to Order FBt To Open Files on JFK Death to Public

- Supreme Court refused today to order the FBI to remove the secrecy label on its files on the John F. Kennedy assassination.

The court declined to review a lower court ruling which held that the FBI has broad powers to determine what it can sup-press under the Freedom of Information Act.

The legal action was brought by Harold Weisberg, author of

From News Wire Services WASHINGTON, May 13-The its spectrographic analysis of bullet fragments found at the scene of the Kennedy shooting in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. The FBI refused the request

on grounds that the evidence was part of "investigatory files compiled for law enforcement purposes" and thus exempt from the Freedom of Information Act. The act is intended to force government agencies to provide the public with official documents on request.

MR. WEISBURG'S attorneys four books on the assassina- argued that the act picced on tion in had asked the FBI for the FBI the burden of showing

why the evidence should not be released in cases where "no prosecution is contemplated and disclosure would not harm the agency's legitimate law-enforcement functions."

The lower court said however that the FBI had met its obligations by providing an affidavit from a special agent saying release of the information would "seriously interfere with the efficient operation of the FBI and with the proper dis-charge of its important lawenforcement responsibilities."

IN OTHER action today, the court:

-Rejected International Business Machines Corp.'s request for Supreme Court review of a lower court order that it turn over some 700 documents to government anti-trust lawyers or face a fine of \$150,000 a day. -Ruled 5 to 4 that the public Chicago Transit Authority can refuse to accept ads on its buses calling for President's Nixon's impeachment, even though it accepts paid political advertisements for such causes as election campaigns and antiwar positions.

-Refused to hear a plea that universities discriminate against women students when they require them to obey dormitory curfews not imposed on men students. It let stand a lower court decision endorsing

the curfew imposed by Eastern Kentucky University. The U. S. Circuit Court in Cincinnati agreed with the uni-versity that the curfew was a proper step designed to protect women from harm and that no similar rules were necessary te protect men.

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