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

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in further response to your letter dated May 21, 1977 pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act for records concerning the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The attached documents which were found in our files numbered 144-32-1220 and 145-12-979 (sections one and two) are being made available to you in full or in part. The documents which are being released to you in part are subject to the deletion, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b) (7) (C), of material the release of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of the privacy of a third party. A copy of the schedule of documents is also enclosed.

We are presently reviewing another series of files. The review of these files will be completed as soon as possible.

Pursuant to Department regulations, you have a right to appeal the deletions as a partial denial of your request. This appeal must be made within thirty days in writing and addressed to the Associate Attorney General (Attention: Office of Information and Privacy Act Appeals) Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530. The envelope and letter should be clearly marked, "Information Appeal". If on appeal your request is denied, judicial review will thereafter be available to you in the district in which you reside or have your principal place of business or the district in which the records denied to you are situated or the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

*Frederick D. Hess*

FREDERICK D. HESS  
Acting Director, Office of Legal Support Services  
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D.J. File No. 144-32-1220, Section 1

- 1939 1. Letter, 12/1/67, Wegmann to AAG, Civil Rights Division, 16 pages. Complaint that Shaw's civil rights were violated by Garrison. **REFERRED TO CIVIL RIGHTS**
- L-1940 2. Letter, 2/28/69, AAG, Civil Division to Senator Gurney, 2 pages. **DELETIONS MADE PURSUANT TO FOI EX 7C**
- L-1941 3. Routing Slip, 2/27/69, Leathers to AAG, Civil Division, 1 page. **DELETIONS MADE PURSUANT TO FOI EX 7C**
- L-1942 4. Memo, 1/9/69, Axelrad to Leathers, 1 page.
- L-1943 5. Notice of Appeal to Supreme Court of the United States, Clay Shaw v. Jim Garrison, et al., 2 pages.
- L-1944 6. Motion for Injunction Pending Appeal from Judgement Denying Injunction, Clay Shaw v. Jim Garrison, et al., 6 pages.
- L-1945 7. Memo & attachment, 6/25/68, Palmisano to Belcher, 14 pages.
- L-1946 8. Letter & attachment, 8/2/68, Palmisano, to Belcher, 9 pages.
- L-1947 9. Memo, undated, AAG, Civil Rights Division to Eardley, Civil Division, 1 page. **6-24-68**
- L-1948 10. Routing Slip, 7/1/68, Block to Eardley, 1 page. No plans to Federally prosecute any members of Garrison's staff.
- L-1949 11. Routing Slip, 7/1/68, CWB to Block, 1 page. Please respond to Eardley as appropriate.
- L-1950 12. Routing Slip to Belcher. "Are you planning any Indictments?"
- L-1951 13. Memo, 6/11/68, AAG, CVD to AAG, CD, 1 page.
- L-1952 14. Letter, 4/18/68, AAG, CRD to Wegmann, 1 page.
- L-1953 15. Letter, 3/28/68, Wegmann to AAG, CRD, 2 pages.
- L-1954 16. Statements of Cedric Younger Von Rolleston and Oneda P. Von Rolleston, 6 pages. Statement of affidavit of meeting Oswald and Shaw in Alexandria, Louisiana in 1963. **DELETIONS MADE PURSUANT TO FOI EX 7C**
- L-1955 17. Memo, 3/22/68, Kirby, CRD to Files, 2 pages.
- L-1956 18. Letter, 2/9/68, Wegmann to AAG, CVD, 1 page.
- L-1957 19. Motion for Change of Venue, State of Louisiana v. Clay L. Shaw, 14 pages.
- L-1958 20. 10 letters and responses to citizens. **DELETIONS MADE PURSUANT TO FOI EX 7C**
- L-1959 21. 16 letters and responses to Congress. **DELETIONS MADE PURSUANT TO FOI EX 7C**



D.J. File No. 144-32-1220, Section 2

- 1960 1. Routing Slip, undated, Eardley to Cella.
- 1961 2. Routing Slip, 5/22/70, Cella to Rosenberg, attached to citizen's letter, 1 page. We have nothing to do with any of the subjects in the letter.
- 1962 3. Letter, 4/16/69, DAAG, CRD to Wegmann, 2 pages.
- 1963 4. Memo, 4/3/69, Bonderman, Special Assistant to DAAG, CRD, 6 pages. REFERRED TO CIVIL RIGHT
- 1964 5. Letter, 6/6/68, LaCour to Vinson, 1 page.
- 1965 6. Memo, 6/11/68, AAG, CVD to AAG, CD, 1 page.
- 1966 7. Memo, 5/31/68, AAG, CD to AAG, CVD, 1 page. Referring complaint filed by Shaw's attorneys and requests thoughts on the complaint.
- 1967 8. Memo & attachment (letter from Wegmann and complaint), 5/28/68, Palmisano to Belcher, 48 pages.
- 1968 9. Letter, 5/27/68, Wegmann to LaCour, 1 page.
- 1969 10. Complaint, Clay L. Shaw v. Jim Garrison, et al., 46 pages.
- 1970 11. Complaint, Dean A. Andrews, Jr. v. Jim Garrison, 5 pages.
- 1971 12. Routing Slip, undated, Moore to Owens, DAAG, CVD, attached to letter, 3/14/69, 1 page.
- 1972 13. Letter, 3/14/69, Wegmann to Owens, 2 pages.
- 1973 14. Criminal Complaint, State of Louisiana v. Clay L. Shaw, 2/27/69, 2 pages.
- 1974 15. Affidavit of Clay L. Shaw, 14 pages.
- 1975 16. Memo, undated, Sciambra to Garrison, Interview with Perry Raymond Russo, 7 pages. REFERRED TO FBI
- 1976 17. Memo, State v. Clay Shaw, Perry Russo Interview, 7 pages. REFERRED TO FBI
- 1977 18. Charles I. Spiesel v. The City of New York, 23 9 Fed. Supp. 106. REFERRED TO
- 1978 19. First Hypnotic Session of Perry Russo, Transcript, 13 pages. REFERRED TO FB
- 1979 20. Second Hypnotic Session of Perry Russo, Transcript, 17 pages. REFERRED TO FB
- 1980 21. Interview with Perry Raymond Russo at the Mercy Hospital, by Andrew Sciambra, 2/27/67, 3 pages. REFERRED TO FBI
- 1981 22. Discrepancies and Contradictions in Russo's Story, 6 pages. REFERRED TO FB
- 1982 23. 4 Citizen's letters and 4 responses. DELETIONS MADE PURSUANT TO FOI EX 7C

D.J. File No. 145-12-979, Section 1, John J. King v. United States of America

- 1983 1. Letter, 7/14/65, USA, Denver, Colorado to AAG, CVD, 1 page.
- 1984 2. Letter, 9/29/65, AUSA, Dallas, Texas to Belcher, 2 pages.
- 1985 3. Letter, 9/28/65, USA, Denver to Drogula, CVD, 1 page.
- 1986 4. Routing Slip to Drogula attached to memo, 9/21/65, Henry to Douglas.
- 1987 5. Memo, 9/21/65, USA, Denver to AAG, CVD, 1 page.
- 1988 6. Memo, 9/17/65, AAG, CVD to USA, Denver, 1 page.
- 1989 7. Defendant's Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint or, alternatively, to stay further proceedings, King v. Katzenbach.
- 1990 8. Defendant's Motion in Support of Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint or, alternatively, to stay further proceedings, King v. Katzenbach, 8 pages.
- 1991 9. Press Release, <sup>6</sup>9/17/65, Announcing Bill proposed by Justice Department that would make items of evidence brought before Warren Commission subject to acquisition by the Federal government, 1 page.
- 1992 10. A Bill, H.R. 9545, 89th Congress, Providing for the acquisition and preservation by the United States of certain items of evidence pertaining to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, 4 pages.
- 1993 11. Report to Accompany H.R. 9545, 6 pages.
- 1994 12. Telegram, 9/16/65, USA, Denver to Leathers, 1 page.
- 1995 13. Letter, 9/10/65, AUSA, Dallas to Belcher, 2 pages.
- 1996 14. Memo & handwritten note, 9/10/65, Belcher to Kossack, CD, 1 page. The U.S. Attorney, Dallas filed in U.S. District Court, a libel against the rifle and pistol involved in the assassination.
- 1997 15. Motion for extension of time, King v. Katzenbach, 1 page.
- 1998 16. Order, King v. Katzenbach, 1 page.
- 1999 17. Telegram, 9/16/65, Leathers, CVD to USA, Denver, 1 page.
- 2000 18. Telegram, 8/20/65, USA, Denver to Leathers, 1 page.
- 2001 19. Newspaper article, 8/18/65, Washington Post, "Oswald's Rifle is sent back to Dallas pending Outcome of Ownership Suit," 1 page.



- 2002 20. Proceeding in Congress, 8/19/65, 3 pages.
- 2003 21. Telegram, 8/18/65, Leathers, CVD to USA, Denver, 1 page.
- 2004 22. Order, King v. Katzenbach, 1 page.
- 2005 23. Motion for extension of time, King v. Katzenbach, 1 page.
- 2006 24. Telegram, 7/22/65, USA, Denver to Leathers, 1 page.
- 2007 25. Telegram, 7/20/65, USA, Denver to Leathers, 1 page.
- 2008 26. Telegram, 7/19/65, USA, Denver to Leathers, 1 page.
- 2009 27. Routing Slip, 9/12/65, HFL to Douglas, 1 page.
- 2010 28. Memo, 7/12/65, AAG, CVD to USA, Denver, 1 page.
- 2011 29. Newspaper article, 6/18/65, Washington Post, "U.S. Advised to Retain Rifle that killed JFK," 1 page.
- ✓-2012 30. Memo, 6/18/65 to AAG, CVD, 1 page.
- 2013 31. Memo, 6/15/65, D, FBI to AAG, CVD, 2 pages. REFERRED TO FBI
- ✓-2014 32. Letter, the AG to the Speaker, House of Representatives, 3 pages.
- 2015 33. Memo, 6/7/65, USA, Denver to AAG, CVD, 1 page.
- 2016 34. Memo, 6/4/65, AAG, CVD to USA, Denver, 1 page.
- ✓-2017 35. Memo, 6/9/65, AAG, CVD to D, FBI, 1 page.
- 2018 36. Complaint, King v. Katzenbach, 4 pages.
- ✓-2019 37. Memo, 2/5/65, AAG, CD to AAG, CVD, 2 pages. Discussion of Disposition of personal property accumulated by Warren Commission as evidence.
- ✓-2020 38. Memo, undated, Cella to Belcher, 2 pages. Discusses disposition of weapons and theories of Forfeiture.
- ✓-2021 39. Letter, 2/2/65, Garrett to Grover, Archivist of the United States, 2 pages. Makes demand for weapons.
- ✓-2022 40. Letter, 2/4/65, Archivist to AAG, CD, 1 page.
- ✓-2023 41. Memo, 1/21/65, Cella to Belcher, 3 pages. Discussion as to whether or not legislation involving items of evidence would be useful.
- ✓-2024 42. Memo, 12/11/64, Weinreb to Willens, 9 pages. Summary of the law on points as to how the Government's can continue possession and establish its ownership of evidentiary items.

- L-2025 43. Memo, 11/20/64, Cella to Belcher, 21 pages. Discussions as to whether individual items of evidence should be retained by the government.
- L-2026 44. Letter, 11/12/64, Boutin, Administrator, General Services Administration (GSA) to Rankin, 1 page.
- L-2027 45. Letter, 10/30/64, Rankin to Boutin, 1 page. Need to set up a system of handling inquiries since Commission will be closing.
- L-2028 46. Letter, 10/1/64, Brewster, GSA to Rankin, 3 pages.
- L-2029 47. Letter, 8/20/64, D, FBI to Rankin, 1 page.
- L-2030 48. Letter, 8/14/64, Marina Oswald to Rankin, 1 page. Requests copy of her testimony.
- 2031 49. Letter & attachments, 11/6/64, D, FBI to Rankin, 49 pages. REFERRED TO FB
- L-2032 50. Press Release, 3/8/65, 2 pages. The AG submitted a bill to Congress to make it a Federal Crime to kill, kidnap, or assault the President, Vice President or any other officer next in line of succession.
- L-2033 PRIVATE CITIZEN LETTER - DELETIONS MADE PURSUANT TO FOI EX 7  
D.J. File No. 145-12-979, Section 2
- L-2034 1. Letter, 6/17/66, AUSA, Dallas to Belcher, 1 page.
- L-2035 2. Letter, 10/4/66, Belcher to USA, Ft. Worth, Solicitor General has concluded no certiorari, 1 page.
- L-2036 3. Memo, from Solicitor General (SG), 9/26/66, 1 page.
- L-2037 4. Memo, 9/21/66, AAG, CD to the SG, 7 pages. Recommendation of no certiorari.
- L-2038 5. Memo, 8/3/66, AAG, CD to Belcher, 1 page. Prepare Certiorari memo.
- 2039 6. Letter, 9/6/66, Chief Counsel, IRS to AAG, CD, 7 pages. REFERRED TO IRS
- L-2040 7. Memo, 8/26/66, Cella to Belcher, 1 page. AUSA, Dallas urges a Petition for Certiorari should be filed.
- L-2041 8. Handwritten note, undated to Fred. I'll take this up with Carl when he returns, attached to memo 8/5/66, AAG, OLC to AAG, CD.
- L-2042 9. Memo, 8/5/66, AAG, OLC to AAG, CD, 3 pages.
- L-2043 10. Memo, 8/4/66, AAG, CD to AAG, OLC, 1 page. A decision must be made as whether to appeal.



- DELETIONS MADE PURSUANT TO  
FOI EX 7C
- 2044 11. Letter, 5/17/66, from Shanklin, FBI, 1 page.
  - 2045 12. Letter, 6/7/66, AUSA, Dallas to Cella, 1 page.
  - 2046 13. Brief for Appellant, King v. U.S., 71 pages.
  - 2047 14. Letter, 6/13/66, Belcher to USA, Dallas, 1 page. Acknowledges receipt of Brief.
  - 2048 15. Letter, 6/7/66, AUSA, Dallas to Cella, 1 page.
  - 2049 16. Memorandum opinion of United States District Court for Northern District of Texas, U.S. v. One 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano Military Rifle, 7 pages.
  - 2050 17. Memo of the General Litigation Section, 2/3/66, 1 page.
  - 2051 18. Memo, 10/20/65, Leathers, CVD to Files, 1 page.
  - 2052 19. Letter, undated, Belcher to USA, Dallas, 2 pages. Start forfeiture proceedings immediately.
  - 2053 20. Letter, 10/18/65, AUSA, Dallas to Belcher, 2 pages.
  - 2054 21. Letter, 10/18/65, USA, Denver, Colorado to AAG, CVD, 1 page.
  - 2055 22. Transcript of Hearing, John J. King v. Katzenbach, 10/4/65, 61 pages.
  - 2056 23. Letter, 10/8/65, AUSA, Dallas to Belcher, 1 page.
  - 2057 24. Exceptions and Answers of Claimant, U.S. v. One 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano Military Rifle, 7 pages.
  - 2058 25. Complaint, King v. Katzenbach, 3 pages.
  - 2059 26. Bill of Sale and Contract, 4 pages.
  - 2060 27. Claim of Owner, U.S. v. One 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano Military Rifle, 2 pages.
  - 2061 28. Letter, 10/8/65, USA, Denver to AAG, CVD, 1 page.
  - 2062 29. Order, King v. Katzenbach, 1 page.
  - 2063 30. Defendants Supplemental Memorandum in Support of Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs.
  - 2064 31. Complaint, King v. Katzenbach, 3 pages.
  - 2065 32. Letter, 10/6/65, USA, Denver to AAG, CVD, 1 page.
  - 2066 33. Transcript of Courts Ruling, King v. Katzenbach, 10/4/65, 4 pages.
  - 2067 34. Letter, 10/5/65, Garrett to Judge Doyle, 2 pages. Outlines objections to Defendant's proposed order in King v. Katzenbach.

✓2068 35. Order, King v. Katzenbach, 2 pages.

✓2069 36. Plaintiffs memorandum in opposition to defendant's motion to dismiss or to stay, King v. Katzenbach, 17 pages.

✓2070 TWO PRIVATE CITIZEN GARY LETTERS AND THE RESPONSES  
DELETIONS MADE PURSUANT TO FOI EX 7C  
D.J. File No. 145-12-979, Enclosure, Serial #1

1. Brief for Appellee, King v. United States, 42 pages.

D.J. File No. 145-12-979, Enclosure, Serial #2

1. Brief for Appellant, King v. U.S., 71 pages.