



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Legal Policy

Office of Information and Privacy

Washington, D.C. 20530

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

Re: AG/82-F
MMN:PAK:CW

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

While processing your Freedom of Information Act request for records pertaining to the assassination of John F. Kennedy, the Criminal Division located 14 documents, consisting of 16 pages, which are of concern to the Office of the Attorney General. The documents were referred to this Office for processing and direct response to you. I apologize for the delay in responding to your request.

I have determined that one document, totalling two pages, is withholdable in full pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(5) and (7)(C). These provisions pertain to certain intra-agency communications subject to the deliberative process and attorney work-product privileges, and to records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of a third party by revealing an investigative interest in that person on the part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The remaining 13 documents, totalling 14 pages, are barred from release by the Speech or Debate Clause of the United States Constitution, Article I, §6. See Allen v. FBI, Civil No. 81-1206 (D.C. Nov. 24, 1982). Disclosure of these documents would reveal the scope of the House Select Committee on Assassinations' investigation of the Kennedy assassination. None of the information being withheld is appropriate for discretionary release.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on this request, you may appeal from this denial by writing to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, within 30 days of your receipt of this letter. Both the letter and envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." In the event you are dissatisfied with the results of any such appeal, judicial review will thereafter be 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,

Miriam M. Nisbet, Deputy Director
Office of Information and Privacy