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Dear Mr. Ward.

Your letter stamp dated the 8th did not arrive until I had left for several days. Thank you for this letter.

I do not know what records you refer to in your second paragraph. However, I remind you that such records were to have been turned over to me under a discovery order in the second suit. (I regret I do not have their numbers in Baltimore federal district court.) Why I was not provided with copies, practices and the norm, I do not know.

From this history I think it is apparent that none of those records can be withheld under either Act. Moreover, I believe that the assessing of any charges also would be wrongful because there was to have been a copy of each record provided under the Court's order in that case.

It is possible that a set of these records may remain on file in the office of the United States Attorney in Baltimore.

In them you should find the identification of files other than those of this suit.

While I am without doubt that your concluding paragraph accurately reports what you were told I cite this as one basis of disbelief in what you were told. Another is that the AF/JACC has no files. When I sued the AF? When the suit involved basic legal principles and there was a new precedent established in the first suit? When there were AF people who were witnesses and observers at the first trial? When sonic booms were involved? When through the chain-of-command a Major Freeman in the PR office was directed to attempt to identify those breaking the sound barrier and I was in touch with him often? When each time I reported a boom a Major Freeman activated your radar?

I do not know what is included in the "Air Staff." My requests include the entire Air Force. In the foregoing I have given you what I believe is ample reason to see that the searches reported to you were not complete or that records were overlooked in them. I also do not know what is included in AFIS and AFOSI but I do know that as of a decade or more ago there were what would appear to be political interests in us. There can be no real search that is entirely negative on this. ~~IT MAY PERHAPS PRESENT SOME EMBARRASSMENT.~~ I have seen the references in the discovery material. I have no way of knowing whether they are files of the components you identify.

I would appreciate your directing further searches to locate these records.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg