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Dear Mr. Buckley,

Your March 14 letter was delayed so that it and Spring came simultaneously. Two happy occasions.

That you got around to responding in a mere 22 months also is encouraging. There are all those requests to which there has been no response in a decade and periods of time not much shorter.

From skimming your list of documents indexed to various aspects of the JFK assassination I am certain they are valuable and that I would like a copy of all of them.

As a consequence of my C.A. 77-2155, Opinion 1/16/78, there is a somewhat different situation. The Department assured that court that it would provide me with all records at a discount. The court, taking other factors into consideration, directed that the records in question be provided without cost to me. One reason is that they are all already willed to a public archive in a major university system. Since then there has been no charge.

This may all be strange to you. Perhaps you will feel more comfortable obtaining any further information from Mr. Quinlan Shea, who has personal knowledge and was in the courtroom that day. But if there is any further information you desire after speaking to him please ask me.

In time all those records will have to be reviewed. I am willing to help you in any way possible, including by informing you or enabling you to inform yourself with regard to what requires subject expertise, like whether there are legitimate privacy concerns or whether the information has been made public.

I preserve all these records in the form in which I receive them so that when they reach the university they will be in that condition. If you have any question about this you are perfectly welcome to make a personal inspection.

Generally the records are by Sections or Volumes. Sometimes the closing device is not included. If necessary I will pay the cost of the closures. There are two reasons for this. First, it provide much more security for the records and second I must be very careful not to scratch or cut myself. This is because of the anti-coagulant I am on as treatment for circulatory illnesses.

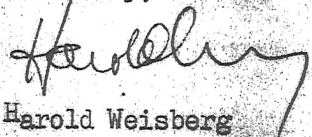
My information requests also include the indices. These, of course, greatly enhance the value in scholarship and provide access to the information for scholars.

If you would be kind enough to write me about the King assassination records and those within my RA request I would appreciate it much.

Although there has been a great time lag I assure you I am very glad to receive your letter.

Copy Mr. Shea

Sincerely,


Harold Weisberg



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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in 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.

Enclosed is a schedule of all documents of the Criminal Division indexed to various aspects of the assassination. Please review the schedule and return to us designating which documents you wish to be reviewed. Upon receipt of the schedule of documents we will review the documents you designated to determine whether or not they can be made available for public disclosure.

Sincerely,

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SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS

(* indicates the Document is Classified)

D.J. File No. 129-11, Section 1A

1. Letter, 12/3/63, Earl Warren to Deputy Attorney General (DAG), 1 page. Request Attendance At First Meeting of Commission To Give Briefing.
2. Letter, 12/3/63, to Senator Richard Russell, 1 page. Advise of First Meeting Of The Commission.
3. Memo, 12/2/63, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division (AAG, CD) to Director, FBI (D, FBI), 1 page. Request Interview Concerning Information On A "Contract" On High Government Official.
4. Memo, 12/3/63, Special Agent In Charge (SAIC) Rice to SAIC Sorrells, 1 page. Results of Investigation Of Oswald While He Was Living in New Orleans.
5. Memo, 12/3/63, SAIC Rice, New Orleans to Chief, Discussion of Investigative Leads Involving Oswald in New Orleans.
6. United States Secret Service (USSS) Investigative Report, Lee Harvey Oswald, Assassination of President John F. Kennedy, 12/1/63, 7 pages.
7. USSS Investigative Report, Lee Harvey Oswald, Assassination of President John F. Kennedy, 12/6/63, 6 pages.
8. White House Press Release, Announces Creation of a Special Commission To Study Assassination of President Kennedy.
9. Magazine Article, June 1968 by Herbert Mitgang, "A New Inquiry Is Needed", 1 page.
10. Memo, 11/29/63, D, FBI to Director, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State (D, BIR, DOS).
11. *Telegram to Department of State, 1 page.
12. Memo, 11/27/63, Guthman to Willens, 2 pages. A List of More Questions Being Asked About the Assassination.
13. Memo, 11/27/63, Foley to Miller, 1 page. Relates to Phone Call From A Citizen Who Advanced Two Possible Theories Other Than Oswald Being The Assassin.
14. *Airgram, 11/27/63, American Legation, Bulgaria to DOS.

D.J. File No. 129-012-3, Enclosures, Serial #5

1. Letter, 2/17/67, Rhoads, Deputy Archivist to Timmins, AUSA, Dallas, 2 pages.
2. Letter, 2/8/67, Timmins, AUSA to Richman.
3. Letter, 2/6/67, Adelson to Timmins, 1 page.
4. Letter, 2/10/67, Timmins, AUSA to Gubow, USA, Detroit, 2 pages.
5. Memo, 2/14/67, Richman, OLC to Rhoads, 2 pages.
6. Memo & attachments, 5/10/67, Thurman to Belcher, 8 pages. Discussion of disclosure of materials relating to the assassination of President Kennedy.
7. Memo & attachments, 3/28/67, D, FBI to the AG, 6 pages.
8. Letter, undated, the AG to Hunt, 1 page.
9. Letter, 4/5/67, Hunt to the AG, 2 pages.
10. Memo, 3/20/67, Nugent, Appellate Section, CD to Sanders, AAG, Civil Division, 8 pages. Recommendations for release of pages of Commission Document No. 75.
11. Memo, 3/22/67, Nugent to AAG, Civil Division, 1 page. Supplemental memo to that of 3/20/67.
12. Memo & attachments, 3/22/67, Nugent to AAG, Civil Division, 48 pages. Discussion of procedures for decision making in disclosing Warren Commission documents.
13. Memo, 2/28/67, Reis to Acting AG, 3 pages.

D.J. File No. 129-012-3, Enclosures, Serial #6

1. Letter & attachments, 1/20/67, Sen. Russell to Nagell, includes draft copy of complaint, Nagell v. Director, U.S. Medical Center For Federal Prisoners; newspaper article, Manila Times, "JFK Plotter in Manila" and memo on Luis Angee Castillo, 44 pages.