

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: AUG 13 1970

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SUBJECT: Harold Weisberg v. Department of Justice  
USDC D.C., Civil Action No. 2301-70

A copy of the complaint recently filed in this action is enclosed. *(Original Complaint filed in 62-109060-6958)*

In order that we may defend this action, please send us not later than September 1, 1970, a report, in duplicate, setting forth the facts involved. Because many courts are reluctant to grant extensions of time to answer, we request that this report be given your preferred attention. If you cannot send us the necessary material within that time, please let us know promptly so we can inform the court of the reason for the delay.

It will be helpful if you will state specifically which allegations of the complaint should, in your opinion, be admitted and which should be denied, and make suggestions for any affirmative allegations to be made in the answer.

Please include a list of the names, official positions, and addresses of persons who have personal knowledge of the facts involved and a brief summary of the matters about which they can testify on behalf of the Government.

Your report should also include information (and copies of relevant documents, if any) as to any defense set-off or counterclaim which you believe may be available.

In addition, please transmit with your response to this memorandum originals and six copies of an affidavit establishing the basis for defense of this litigation. The affidavit could be prepared along the lines of the affidavit executed by Special Agent Roy H. Jevins for use in litigation entitled John Nichols v. United States, USDC D Kan., Civil No. T-4536. In addition to the statements made in that affidavit, we suggest you include in the affidavit in the present litigation, a statement of how your law enforcement purposes would be hindered were the materials sought subject to public disclosure.

cc: United States Attorney  
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to Conrad 8-19-70  
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