

July 5, 1968

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in reply to your letter of June 17, 1968, concerning the records of the Warren Commission.

As we have previously informed you, we have been unable to locate certain items of records listed in your letter among the records that have been placed in the custody of the National Archives as the official records of the Commission. We will make the basic records of the Commission available to you in order that you may search them yourself. We do not feel that the National Archives has any further responsibility as regards to the order of the Attorney General to which you refer. That order was concerned with vesting title in the Government to the exhibits and other evidence of the Commission that were then in Federal custody and were not Federal property. We have not interpreted it as creating a duty for the National Archives to collect documents that may not be among the records of the Commission. We do not agree with your statement that the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Secret Service were part of the Commission.

The declassified transcripts of executive sessions of the Commission were made available to Mr. Wise on the dates of declassification given on the transcripts. The two transcripts and the minutes which were not declassified were made available to him on February 13, 1968.

The Boyle and Martin films have not been found among the Commission's records.

No report of an interview with the mother of Philip Gerasi III from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which you requested orally, is found under her name. We have furnished you a copy of the only report of an interview with Gerasi by the FBI filed under his name. Enclosed is a copy of a report of an interview with Vance Blalock.

Craford Exhibit 5204 is identical with Armstrong Exhibit 5204-B, as indicated by the labels on the exhibit and by the table of contents of Volume XIX of the Hearings of the Commission. There is, in fact, no separate copy of the exhibit filed as Craford Exhibit 5204.

We are preparing copies of the indexes to Commission Documents which you do not have.

Sincerely,

JAMES B. RECALDS
Archivist of the United States

Enclosure

cc: Martin Richman
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