

August 13, 1971

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Mr. Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in reply to your letters of July 17 and 20, 1971.

The photographs of President Kennedy's clothing which we provide to researchers are copies of photographs which are among the official records of the Warren Commission. The terms of the letter agreement with the Kennedy family do not apply to them but only to photographs which might be made after the clothing came into our custody.

The information and copies of regulations which we sent you was in response to your request for regulations "in any way relevant to any use of the Warren Commission materials of whatever character, origin, or description." We believe we have answered your request. We are not in a position to advise you concerning your request for "any and all rules, regulations, interpretations or any other things, such as definitions of records, required by me to properly and fully pursue my interests in obtaining what I regard as public information." As this request is in the nature of a request for legal advice, you may wish to consult an attorney.

The executive order involved in the withholding of the transcripts of executive sessions of the Commission under the terms of 5 U.S.C. 552, subsection (b) (1), is Executive Order 10501 (16 F.R. 7049). The privacy of staff members or potential staff members of the Commission would be violated by the release of the transcripts and portions of transcripts withheld under the terms of 5 U.S.C. 552, subsection (b) (6).

Concerning subsection (b) (7), the purpose of the Commission's investigation was to obtain all possible information concerning the assassination of President Kennedy and the killing of

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Lee Harvey Oswald. If any violations of Federal law had been found by the Commission, the information could have been used for law enforcement purposes in the prosecution of the offenders. The full language of this subsection was considered in our letter to you of June 21, 1971.

Sincerely,

*James B. Rhoads*

JAMES B. RHOADS  
Archivist of the United States

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March 28, 1972

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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in reply to your letter of March 22, 1972, concerning the report dated November 10, 1966, by the personnel of the Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Maryland, on the material relating to the autopsy of President Kennedy.

Under the terms of 5 U.S.C. 552, subsection (b) (6), we do not furnish copies of the report because it is a part of "medical files and similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy" of the family of the late President Kennedy. We show it to the researchers whose applications to examine the autopsy material are approved by the Kennedy family representative, Mr. Burke Marshall, because it contains a list of the material. We do not, however, furnish copies to them.

The only item besides the report that was shown to Dr. Lattimer that is not listed in the agreement of October 29, 1966, with the Kennedy family was the bullet, Commission Exhibit 399, of which you have photographs.

Sincerely,

*James B. Rhoads*

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