## **Bepartment** of Justice

Washington, A.C. 20530

## 20 JUL 1977

Mr. Harold Weisberg Route 12 -- Old Receiver Road Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This refers to the penultimate paragraph of your June 8, 1977 letter to Mr. Buckley of the Criminal Division, in which you inquire about the nature of a record described as an eleven-year-old record as to which this Department told National Archives that we had no objection to a release of it to you by Archives. The Criminal Division has asked us to respond directly to your inquiry because our Office handled the request by Archives for any views of this Department on a possible release of the record to you by Archives.

Apparently both the request by Archives for any views of this Department and our response to their request were made by telephone. The only record relating to these contacts which we have found is a slip dated November 17, 1976, copy attached, in which telephone comments on Archives' request were solicited from two components of this Department. As you will note from the slip, the eleven-yearold record was dated June 10, 1966. We had no recollection of the matter but we recently telephoned Mr. Marion Johnson of the National Archives about this June 10, 1966 record and have been informed (a) that the June 10, 1966 record was a memorandum from Marion Johnson to the Deputy Archivist about the use of copies of Warren Commission records by a writer, (b) that this Office advised Mr. Johnson by telephone that this Department had no objection to the release of the June 10, 1966 memorandum to you, but (c) that Archives nevertheless decided not to release it to you.

I hope the foregoing information is of some assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Deputy Assistant Attorney General Office of Legal Counsel

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