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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in response to your letter, dated 14 January 1976. Your appeals will be treated in a separate letter.

In the penultimate paragraph of your letter you write that the Agency's "second large release," which you had requested, was never sent to you. In an effort to resolve this question, we explain below the chronology, content and prices of these releases.

The first group of documents, which cost \$146, was released in March 1976 and consisted of 499 documents comprising 1460 pages of material. The second review of these documents resulted in a second release of three batches, some 2,463 pages, which was carried out in two phases. Its cost to requesters who had not purchased the first release was \$246.30. The first phase in July 1976 was called Batch A. It consisted of 128 new, or previously denied documents, and to recipients of the March 1976 release, the price was reduced to \$51.40. The second phase in September 1976 consisted of Batches B and C. Batch B consisted of 59 new or previously denied documents, and again, to recipients of the March 1976 release, the price was reduced to \$67.90. Batch C consisted of documents already released in March 1976 and which were changed only to the extent of having a new number assigned. There was no charge assessed for Batch C to those who had purchased the March release. In addition, there was also released a group of photographs which were actually a part of Batch B. The total additional cost of the second release -- Batches A, B, C and the photographs -- was \$119.30 to those people who had bought the original March 1976 release for \$146.00. In between these two releases, and as a result of developments in another case, the Agency released a small packet of documents numbered 429-521 at a cost of \$8.60. There were no other releases.



In Tabular Form:

<u>Releases</u>	<u>Cost</u>
First Release - March 1976	\$146.00
Supplemental Release	8.60
Second Release -	
Batch A - July 1976)
Batches B, C and Photographs -)----\$246.30 or \$119.30
September 1976)

Our records show that the first release was mailed to you on 9 March 1976; the supplemental packet was mailed to you on 30 June 1976; and, the second release (i.e., Batches A, B, C and the photographs) were sent to you on 28 September 1976. For these mailings we received your checks for \$146.00, \$8.60, and \$119.30, respectively.

Please compare the above information with the documents you had requested, received, and for which you had paid, and let us know which group or batch of documents you claim not to have received.

For your information, this Agency is planning a still further release of documents, which will probably be available within the next week or two. It will be accompanied by an index, of some 270 pages, of all the documents reviewed in response to numerous requests under the Freedom of Information Act for CIA documents related to the investigation of President Kennedy's assassination. We will, of course, send you this latest release, as well as the index, as soon as it becomes available, and advise you at that time of its cost.

Sincerely,



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1/25/77

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Dear Mr. Wilson,

I am glad to get your 1/21 response to my 1/14 letter as it relates to prior releases.

We have not sent the CIA enough checks to have a separate ^{entry} bookkeeping/for them as checking in this manner presents problems that would not exist if my first inquiries about having been supplied what others had received had been answered.

I have no reason to question your records as they show what was sent to me.

If there was a delay in any of the packages reaching me that might explain it.

As I now recall it my first inquiry of this nature was prompted by the report of the receipt of a batch by another.

A response at that time would have had meaning. A search of my records is a practical impossibility for me.

This, of course, also gets to the withholding of the X index to the records as they were released. It guaranteed unnecessary confusion. It also assured unnecessary work on all sides. Your assistant general counsel reported verbally some time ago ~~was~~ a check that had not been reported in writing, so I still had nothing to go on.

Your letter does not indicate the extent of the coming release. It does of the index. I therefore cannot send a check in advance. However, on receipt of these records, as in the past, I will send a check for the indicated sum.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg