

Dear Mr. Lee,

8/8/92

Thanks for the SASE.

The FBI merely acknowledge receipt of your request. They assigned a number to it. In future correspondence use that number.

They have a considerable backlog and they are supposed to respond to requests in chronological order. It may be as much as six months from what I've heard. But they have not turned you down.

If after about six months you hear nothing write them again and use the number on your letter.

Archives

While I have no recent knowledge I'll be quite surprised if the ~~XXX~~ does not provide xeroxes rather than microfilms. Ask them. They in fact are referring to xeroxes re deed of gift.

And get the other copies at the same time because of their minimum charge.

It is true that there is nothing in the Archives about Charles Bronson.

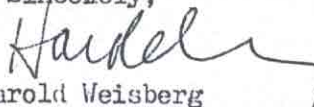
He was never mentioned to FBIHQ.

I learned about him from Dallas records not sent to HQ.

I do not recall about Atkins.

Above all in dealing with all those people patience is required.

Sincerely,

  
Harold Weisberg

Lawrence W. Lee, Jr.  
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August 4, 1992

Mr. Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I have written to you in the past about how to obtain Kennedy assassination documents from the National Archives and the F.B.I. You gave me very helpful advice, and I hope you don't mind me writing to let you know of my progress.

First, enclosed please find copies of three letters. The first, dated July 6, 1992, is my letter to the National Archives. I sent a virtually identical letter to the F.B.I. The only difference is that Jack Ruby's autopsy report was included in my letter to the F.B.I. The second, dated July 17, 1992, is the reply I received from the F.B.I. The third, dated July 21, 1992, is the reply I received from the National Archives.

My first question is this: Notice the box that was checked on the reply from the F.B.I. Am I correct in understanding that this means they have received my request, but are not doing anything about it? It seems to me that if they were attempting to comply with my request, they would have marked the second to last box (which begins "We are currently searching the indices..."). If my assumption is correct, how should I proceed? Should I write another letter, making another, yet stronger, F.O.I.A. request?

Regarding the items on my letter to the Archives, my progress is as follows:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PROGRESS</u>
1	I have managed to order a copy of the Oswald autopsy from the Dallas County Medical Examiner. I am currently awaiting its delivery.
2	Available on microfilm (for \$23) from the Archives.
3	Available on microfilm (for \$23) from the Archives. This should also be available from the Dallas Medical Examiner. I am writing to them to inquire about it.
4	Available on paper from the Archives. I have ordered this, and am awaiting delivery.
5	Available on microfilm (for \$23) from the Archives.
6	Available on audio cassette from the Archives. I have ordered this, and am awaiting delivery.

- 7 The only one of these films the Archives informed me they had available was the Orville Nix film. Before ordering it (for \$57.25), I must obtain permission from Gayle Nix Jackson. The Archives furnished me with Ms. Jackson's address. Maybe in the future I will get this, but for now, it is a lot of money for me.
- 8 Available on microfilm (for \$23) from the Archives.

(The Jack Ruby autopsy is available, as is the Oswald autopsy, from the Dallas Medical Examiner.)

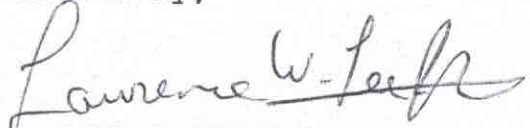
All the items contained on microfilm are on four rolls. Therefore, I would have to spend a total of \$92.00 to obtain them, when all I want is a few documents.

I feel that the Archives should have made these items available in paper format. I have written to the Deputy Archivist (as suggested in the Archives' July 21 letter), to explain my displeasure with their reply, for several reasons: I simply cannot afford \$92 to purchase four rolls of microfilm, microfilm copying machines are not readily available, and where they are, (at the local library), they charge 25¢ per copy. And why should I have to pay twice for the same documents (first for the microfilm, and second for the paper copy)?

Mr. Weisberg, I want to express my greatest thanks for your help, and my hope for your good health.

As in my first letter to you, enclosed please find a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Sincerely,



Lawrence W. Lee Jr.

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July 6, 1992

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION  
Records Declassification  
8th St. and Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20408

To Whom It May Concern:

I am researching the assassination of President Kennedy, and I was informed by a noted assassination researcher, Mr. Harold Weisberg, that documents of which I would like to obtain copies are available at the National Archives. He also stated there would be a fee.

The specific items I would like to obtain are:

- 1) - Autopsy report on Lee Harvey Oswald.
- 2) - Operative report on Police Officer J.D. Tippit.
- 3) - Autopsy report on Police Officer J.D. Tippit.
- 4) - Order of the Attorney General, (dated, I believe, October 31, 1966), directing that all assassination material be transferred to the National Archives.
- 5) - CIA file, (I believe document number 150-59), regarding Jack Ruby's visit to Santos Trafficante in a prison in Havana, Cuba, in 1959.
- 6) - Copy of the Police Dictabelt recording (a standard cassette would be fine).
- 7) - Copies (videotape is fine) of films taken by:
  - Thomas Atkins (White House photographer)
  - Charles L. Bronson
  - Orville Nix
- 8) - FBI Summary Report, dated 12/9/63.
- 9) - FBI Supplemental Report, dated 1/13/64.

I understand the charge for the documents is on a per-page basis. Please notify me as to the charge of each of these items.

Mr. Weisberg also advised me that the two FBI reports are multiple volumes, and very large. Please notify me of the charge to obtain these items also.

I am requesting these items in accordance with Executive Order 12356, and the Freedom of Information Act.

Thank you very much for your assistance. For your convenience, I am providing you with a self-addressed stamped envelope for your reply.

Sincerely,

Lawrence W. Lee, Jr.



## U.S. Department of Justice

## Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

JUL 17 1992

Request No. 362786

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RE: KENNEDY, JOHN F/ASSASSINATION

Dear Requester:

- This acknowledges your recent Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request submitted to the FBI.
- Based on the limited information you provided, we cannot make an accurate search of our records. Please furnish your complete name, alias, date and place of birth, prior addresses, employments, and any specific data that would permit us to locate the documents you seek.
- Please submit your notarized signature. This procedure is designed to insure that documents, if located, are released only to an individual having right of access to the information.
- If you want a search of our Identification Division records for any arrest record that might pertain to you, please comply with the enclosed instructions set forth in Attorney General Order 556-73. Fingerprint impressions are needed for comparison with records in the Identification Division to insure that an individual's record is not disseminated to an unauthorized person.
- We are currently searching the indices to our central records system files at FBI Headquarters for any documents which may pertain to your request. Upon completion of this search you will be notified of the results.
- Provide the complete name, date and place of birth for the subject of your request. If subject is deceased, give date of death and any proof of death you have.

Your request has been assigned the number indicated above. Please use this number in all correspondence with us.

Sincerely yours,

Chief  
Freedom of Information-  
Privacy Acts Section  
Records Management Division

Enclosure

# National Archives



Washington, DC 20408

July 21, 1992

Mr. Lawrence W. Lee, Jr.  
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Dear Mr. Lee:

This is in response to your letter of July 6, 1992, a Freedom of Information Act request (our reference NN92-567) about records of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy (Record Group 272). We received your request on July 15, 1992.

Items 1-3, 5, and 8-9 are available on our microfilm publications. National Archives microfilm publications are available for \$23 per roll from our Publications Division. To order microfilm please return the enclosed NATF Form 72-F with a check or money order, payable to "NATF-NEPS," to the National Archives Trust Fund Board, P.O. Box 100793, Atlanta, GA 30384. You may instead use a MasterCard or VISA credit card. Return the enclosed form (annotated with type of credit card, account number, expiration date, and your signature) to the Cashier (NAJC), National Archives, Washington, DC 20408. Your account will be verified before the microfilm is shipped.

Item 4 is the deed of gift relating to the autopsy photographs and X-rays of President Kennedy. It is dated October 29, 1966 and we can provide a copy for our minimum mail order charge of \$6.00. We will forward your request to our Motion Picture, Sound and Video Branch. They will respond directly you with information about items 6 and 7.

We searched the indexes to RG 272 but did not locate any references to either Thomas Atkins or Charles Bronson (item 7). We do not consider this response a denial under the Freedom of Information Act because the records in our custody do not include the information you requested. If you consider this reply to be an adverse response, you may appeal by writing the Deputy Archivist (ND), National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC 20408, and explain why you think our search does not meet the requirements of the FOIA.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures