

Paul and Gary Enclosed Archives-DJ letters 11/4/69

Because I want to keep you both informed, I am sending you copies of what, again, I want to go not further. I am sending you two only copies of these. I hope my reasons for not wanting this to get around are clear without explanations, and I repeat them because things I have asked not to be circulated seem to be getting around. This is not an accusation. It is an explanation. I do not have time and do not want to put into the mails full explanations. The reasons are persuasive to me and I think when you eventually learn what is here involved, you will agree.

Bearing on this, I have discovered why the Archives has refused to take a picture of 399 on a scale for me. Something has happened to it! It is incredible, but I have the proof that is beyond question in my possession.

Quite obviously, Rhpeds' pretended explanations are spurious. This is a reflection of their apprehension. They know we are going to sue and they know they dare not supply what I ask, which cannot be withheld under the guidelines or the law.

I am, genuinely, outraged that he dares categorize my request for a simple bookkeeping record as designed to encourage "morbid curiosity".

Bud is due back in about 10 days. I will then take these things up with him. I may be wrong, but now I think I have a declaration of intent to violate the Freedom of Information law. The unidentified items to which I refer are those in the receipt in CD371, referred to in the letter to the DJ. In the past they have told me they didn't have them "in the relevant files", but I now know the Secret Service has transferred its files, so they have them there. In one case, they tried to palm off a wrong document and then eliminated most of it (SS did). There has been no response since I called this to their attention.

Meanwhile, I suspect this all may expedite your requests.

Sincerely,