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March 24, 1978

Mr. Harold Weisberg
Route 12
Frederick, MD 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 11, 1978, concerning the records of the Warren Commission.

We have answered your inquiries to the best of our knowledge in previous correspondence and have nothing further to add in response to the comments in your letter.

Sincerely,

(MISS) JANE F. SMITH
Director
Civil Archives Division

TRH

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3/26/78

Dr. James Rhoads, Archivist
National Archives
Washington, D.C. 20408

Dear Dr. Rhoads,

Despite her newest offer of skirts behind which you hide Ms. Jane Smith's 5/24/78 is in my view inadequate and inappropriate, ~~simple~~ even with the title of her signature.

My requests are not now described as in her first sentence, "concerning the records of the Warren Commission."

Her claim to have provided adequate response, including to my previous letters, and to having nothing to add in the light of the Epstein book and attendant promotions is a matter about which we may have to await what the future may hold.

Since writing you last I have obtained a copy of Legend. Were I in your position, with or without sheltering skirts and even without a case in court, nobody would speak for me about what the book attributes to you and I certainly would under no circumstances content myself with "have nothing further to add."

The passing of time and delays in responding, if what I received may be called response, and other considerations of which you are aware dim my recollection of what is included in what I have asked for. There is also the question of how you may chose to interpret or misinterpret my requests, a matter on which I now do have some records. So in order to do what I may in the interest of the future and what may be known about these various historic events and relevant official behavior and misbehavior I would here like to eliminate any possibility of any misinterpretation.

In some respects this may be a new request. In others, as with Nosenko and what relates to him it is not, my request for such information having been made in 1975, when it did receive some if incomplete compliance.

There now is no reasonable doubt that by controlling access to information as by denying it (of which I am an example) the government has engaged in Orwellian practice and in this has misused the Freedom of Information and Privacy acts in a to now successful propaganda - disinformation- venture.

In this the Archives has been involved. It continues to deny to me information that was made available to another whose views are congenial to official belief as mine are not. In this it is immaterial how that information was made available. I believe that Legend and Epstein's representations in it and elsewhere as well as representations made about him and it by others should have required an inquiry by the Archives into many related aspects, ranging from its continued denials to me to how what was made available to Epstein.

I therefore request copies of all records relating to the book and the agencies involved in it, as stated above; copies of all records identical to those made available to Epstein or on his behalf; copies of all records relating to the processing of his and all other similar or identical requests and particularly relating to the claims to exemptions; copies of any and all information requests made by or for him and of similar requests by others; and if there is any claim to withholding or any denial a statement of need in a case the Attorney General calls historical.

Because in this I serve no personal need and because of other factors of which you are aware I also ask for a waiver of all fees and costs, under the provisions of the amended FOIA. I believe that I satisfy the requirements of the statute in this respect.

Sincerely, Harold Weisberg