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Dear Dr. Rhoads,

I have received Mr. Johnson's "list of previously restricted records made available for research during 1978," for which thanks.

It appears that there are but 21 pages I do not have and that about three times this number of pages have been made available as a result of my efforts, or are the pages I have already.

At even your inflated rate of 20¢ per page for xeroxes the sum involved is small. But as a matter of principle I renew my request for a waiver of charges and believe that I meet all the requirements of the law and regulation in this regard. I remind you also of Judge Gesell's opinion of January a year ago in my C.A. 77-2155 in which he noted the importance of my public role under FOIA and in making the records available to all.

It is physically impossible for me to get to the Archives on any regular basis and when this would be possible I could be there for only short periods of time any day because I depend entirely on the poor and infrequent public transportation. Under normal standards the transportation alone is a hardship. My health situation is not normal.

My only regular income is from Social Security. I will soon be 66.

All of my records have already been bequeathed to a public archive in a university system. My major uses today for any records I obtain are in service to others, and not only by this deposit. I make no charge for the many copies I provide to those who are in better circumstances but not of means, no charge to the press or student who obtain thousands of pages and no charge to officials of the Government. In the same mail with this there will be a single mailing to a single official of more copies than are involved in this list or releases. I also use the information I obtain to provide to officials and to the Courts, as you have reason to recall.

Waiver of charges is possible and proper in this case on the basis of income alone. However, I have added these other reasons and can provide more, like the amount of work I save you. I paid for the cost of 20 sets of copies of the pages of the 1/21/64 and 6/23/64 transcripts and gave them away to the press and to scholars, thus saving your staff that much time and work. Several of these to whom I provided copies have in turn provided copies to still others.

If as I hope you will not you decline this request I ask that you save us both time and costs by forwarding it through the appeals machinery.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg



REFERENCE REPORT

INQUIRY: Warren Commission Records Made Available in 1978.

REPORT: The following is a list of previously restricted records made available for research during 1978. The documents are among the Records of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy (Record Group 272).

CD 7, p. 509-510

CE 442, 5 telegrams (7 p.; deletions)

CD 729a (2 p.; deletions)

CD 1012 (4 p.; deletions)

CD 1114 (3 p.; deletions restored)

Transcript of proceedings of an executive session of the Commission of December 5, 1963, p. 43-50 and 52-58 (changes in deletions)

Transcript of proceedings of an executive session of the Commission of December 6, 1963 (p. 3, 4, 5, 9, and 20 (changes in deletions)

Transcript of proceedings of an executive session of the Commission of January 21, 1964 (p. 63-73)

Transcript of proceedings of an executive session of the Commission of June 23, 1964 (15 p.)

Copies of these documents can be furnished for 20 cents a page with a minimum charge of \$2.00. To order, please send a check or money order made payable to the National Archives Trust Fund (NNEJ) and addressed to the Cashier, National Archives (GSA), Washington, DC 20408.

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