

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
National Archives and Records Service
Washington, DC 20408



July 21, 1975

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in reply to your two letters (a two-page letter and a one-page letter) dated June 30, 1975, which were received in this office on July 7, 1975, in which you refer to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) as amended in regard to records of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy.

You make FOIA requests in regard to the following matters in your two-page letter:

- (1) Records relating to spectrographic and neutron activation testing on evidence relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. With our letter of May 28, 1975, to your attorney, Mr. Lesar, we furnished you copies of records relating to this subject that we found in the Commission's records. Enclosed is a copy of an additional letter of July 8, 1964, from J. Edgar Hoover to J. Lee Rankin on neutron activation testing. If you will identify the documents to which you refer as "the well-known, the published, some documents I've seen in the past" in your letter of June 11, 1975, we will be pleased to receive your order for copies of those documents. We do not have a list of documents identified by the Department of Justice. The FBI, however, verified by telephone that we have the FBI Laboratory report to Chief of Police Curry of Dallas of November 23, 1963, which is quoted in Commission Document 5, pages 162-165. Copies of these documents have been furnished to you.
- (2) Information concerning declassifications and "whether any documents are still withheld" you requested in your letter of May 14, 1975. We responded to your requests in our letter of June 17, 1975.
- (3) Records relating to the interception of Lee Harvey Oswald's mail by the CIA. We do not know of any documents in our custody that relate to this subject.

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We understand that you have found the list of documents made available for research in 1972-73 that we sent you in 1973. We do not have a list that shows "who had each document withheld to begin with and why and by whom each was declassified."


In your one-page letter you request copies of documents relating to the following:

- (1) Richard Case Nagell. Enclosed are copies of all documents filed under this name in the name files of the Commission.
- (2) Martin Bray. No documents are filed under this name in the name files of the Commission.
- (3) Friends or the families of those lost in the submarine Thrasher or Thresher. There is no file for this name in the records of the Commission.
- (4) The Bendix company. No documents are filed under this name in the name files of the Commission.

The Secret Service index was also examined for these names without locating additional material.

There is no comprehensive index to the records of the Commission, and it is difficult to determine whether material relating to a given subject is in the records. We invite you to use our research facilities, as you have in the past, if you wish to make a further search for materials in which you are interested.

Sincerely,



ALBERT H. LEISINGER, JR.
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for the National Archives

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