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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in reply to your letter of November 4, 1969. *and 24 and December 1, 4 and 12,*

You have requested that we treat all your letters and requests as your appeal under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). Since your letters and the necessary responses now comprise a large file, it would be administratively difficult to do this. ~~Also, it would be virtually impossible for the Director of Information to determine which requests contained in your letters have been supplied to you and which have been denied to you.~~ Moreover, we feel the administrative burden is upon you to determine which records you are still interested in reviewing. Consequently, we are advising you to submit or resubmit a numerical list of these <sup>records</sup> records, with accurate and sufficient identification, to us for our processing. Those records that ~~are~~ *can be released at this time, if any,* unrestricted will be made available to you forthwith. Those records that ~~are~~ *must still be* restricted for some reason <sup>will</sup> of course be denied to you, with the appropriate explanation. Once this process has been accomplished you will be in a position if you so desire, to appeal to the Director of Information, Office of the Administrator, General Services Administration, Washington, D.C. 20405, with appropriate documentation, as to any documents <sup>to</sup> which you have been denied access. *If the Director of Information concurs in the NARS determination, the Director of Information will then give you the final agency decision. Then the final determination will be made by the Assistant Administrator on the matter for Administration in accordance pursuant to 41 CFR 105-60.404.*

In regard to your other questions contained in your letter, please be advised . . . *(over and over again)*

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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in reply to your letter of November 4, 1969.

We are forwarding a copy of your letter to the Director of Information of the General Services Administration as your appeal from the decision of the National Archives and Records Service in withholding from research the "memorandum of transfer" of the X-rays and photographs relating to the autopsy of President Kennedy. This document, which is ~~in~~ the property of the Kennedy family, is the only specific document mentioned in your letter that is withheld from research. If you will furnish us a numerical list itemizing any other specific documents concerning which you wish to appeal under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, we shall forward your appeal to the Director of Information. You will be notified when a decision has been made on your appeal.

*Not* All materials relating to the assassination of President Kennedy that we have received from the Secret Service are listed in one of our two letters to you dated November 18, 1969, and the enclosures to that letter.

*If you will furnish a citation to any parts of the*  
~~No copies of any part of the copy of the~~ Guidebook for Marines given to Carlos Bringuier by Lee Harvey Oswald ~~are known to be among the records~~ *that were published or copied by the*  
~~of the Warren Commission, We will make records of the Commission available.~~ *we will make a further search for this material.*

~~to you to search for such copies or any other records in which you may  
be interested.~~

Your requests for lists to which you refer have been for lists of individual documents that have been made available for research. We do not have such lists except the list of numbered documents of the Commission ("List of Basic Source Materials"), of which you have a copy. The offer to correct your copy of the list of numbered documents was made in response to your specific statement that your copy of that list was not up to date. The staff member who made the offer had previously agreed to correct your copy of the list when you suggested it at the time additional documents were made available following the death of Jack Ruby.

There are four memoranda by Arlen Specter to J. Lee Rankin relating to the autopsy of President Kennedy in the "John F. Kennedy 4-1 Autopsy" file. Two of these memoranda are dated March 12, 1964, and relate to interviews with the autopsy surgeons and with FBI agents present at the autopsy. These two memoranda were first made available to you and other researchers as part of the folder of green copies of internal memoranda dated from December 1963 through March 1964 addressed to J. Lee Rankin. This was before the first Dell printing of Richard Warren Lewis's The Scavengers and Critics of the Warren Report (New York; "First Dell printing-May, 1967") in which, as you say, the two memoranda are quoted on pages 113-116. The other two Specter memoranda are dated April 30

and May 12, 1964. They concern the photographs and X-rays relating to the autopsy of President Kennedy and were made available to you and other researchers when the remaining folders of green copies of memoranda addressed to J. Lee Rankin were made available for research, after the first Dell printing of the Lewis book.