

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in reply to your letter of September 11, 1968.

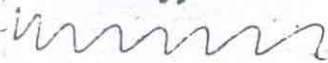
Commission Document 718 was a letter addressed to Chief Justice Warren by Staff Sergeant Joseph M. Branski and was not received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The attachment was missing from the copy of the document in the numbered document files when these documents were first examined but was later found with the original document in the correspondence files of the Commission. The document was withheld from research until it could be reviewed by the National Archives. It was then made available for research.

There We are preparing copies of Commission Document 718, page 62 of the "List of Basic Source Materials," and pages 467-469 of CD 205 for you. As you may know, these are references to Jack L. Bowen and John H. Bowen published in the Commission's Report, page 655; in its Hearings, Volume XI, page 223; and in Commission Exhibits 1832, 1986, 2119, 2121, 2195, and 2443. We can furnish you copies of this material if you want them. No additional material is available in the name files of the Commission. *616*

No material relating to a Rev. Jerry Owen has been found in the name files of the Commission. If you can give the first name of the Mr. Owen to whom you refer, or identifying information concerning him, we can examine the name files of the Commission for information concerning him.

As your deposit account balance is nearly exhausted, it would be advisable to send additional funds.

Sincerely,



JAMES B. RHOADS
Archivist of the United States

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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Reference is made to your two letters of January 5 and letters of February 28 and March 5, 1969. We regret the delay in replying to your letters.

We have not added any new subject classifications to the file classification manual of the Commission. The supplementary information added to the manual on August 10, 1967, consisted only of notations of changes that had been made by the Commission before the records were received by the National Archives.

We do not have a list of material that has become available for research, and we do not expect that any additional material of the Commission will become available before the conclusion of the review of the records scheduled for 1970. Copies of all ^{specific} records you have requested that have subsequently become available for research have been furnished to you within a reasonable time after they became available. We will send you copies of any specific records you have requested that may become available in the future.

Enclosed are copies of (1) Commission Document 12, pages 1-3, which includes a report of an interview by Special Agent Kasck with Mrs. Jesse Garner on page 3; and (2) a complete copy of the back of Garner Exhibit 1. Your assumption concerning the first two items listed in our letter of December 26, 1968, and the Garner affidavit is correct. ~~The copies you received were sent pursuant to that letter.~~

additional material relating to the affidavit of Jesse Garner or to Garner Exhibit ⁷ has been located. X

We have declined to furnish copies of certain films in the records of the Warren Commission because ~~of the special value of these films to the copyright owners,~~ unless we are given written permission to do so by the copyright owners. Among these are the WWL-TV and WDSU-TV films to which you refer. The only copies of these films we have are the copies that were shown to you in the National Archives. The six FBI "stills" from the WDSU film which you mention have not been found in the records of the Commission. X

Copies of ^{relevant} all records you have requested that we have found in the records of the Commission except the WWL-TV and WDSU-TV films and the related "stills" ^{relevant} furnished to you, X

The original signed statement ^{relevant} of Richard Randolph Carr ^{reports concerning} which you received is not in relevant files of the Warren Commission. We have made no commentary on these ~~two~~ reports but have made them available to the press on the same basis on which they were made available to you. X

We have found no copy of the memorandum of January 11, 1964, from Charles Shaffer to Howard Willens, which has attached to it the two FBI reports referred to in the memorandum. ✓

As you know, there are numerous FBI reports dated in December 1963 which may include these two reports. We shall be pleased to show the FBI reports to you in our research rooms.

Sincerely,

James B. Rhoads
Archivist of the United States