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Mr. Richard Kleindienst  
Deputy Attorney General  
The Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kleindienst,

Because of your recent request to Mr. Fensterwald, I assure you that the subject of this letter is not in litigation and I would prefer that it not reach that stage. I wrote you because, under the law, you are the person I am required to address.

Bennie Coiro, then of New Orleans, was an associate of Sergio Arcosha Smith and others who figured in the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. Lee Harvey Oswald also applied to him for a job. Oswald had Coiro's office address marked in his addressbook. Coiro and Arcosha ran an anti-Castro, fund-raising organization that used an address Oswald also used. Arcosha was the New Orleans head of an organization established, directed and financed by the CIA.

Coiro's office address was then the Sigali Building, at the corner of Camp and Canal Streets, New Orleans. His home address was 618 Dumaine Street. The address his organization ("The Crusade to Free Cuba"), Oswald and Arcosha all used is 544 Camp Street, which is identical with a side entrance used by the FBI to reach this address, 521 Lafayette Street.

Coiro claims to have been interrogated for 100 hours. The National Archives says it has a single FBI report or even reference to him. I request copies of all relevant data. I presume it and others have been denied the Warren Commission and would prefer to believe it is misfiled somewhere.

Coiro's home address is less than two short blocks from Dumaine and Decatur, where Oswald picked up the carrier Envy in the early summer of 1963, a rather intriguing coincidence, in view of the foregoing. In the course of its investigation, which was not for law-enforcement purposes, the FBI obtained a copy of the leaflet envelope then distributed, identified a fingerprint on it as not Oswald's, etc. If it ever told the Warren Commission whose fingerprint it was, I have been able to find no record of it. I therefore ask if this fingerprint was that of anyone in any way connected with the assassination investigation. I would like to know where it is, for there are also those who should have been connected with the investigation and appear not to have been.

Should you desire that I submit forms, of course, I will. However, I do hope these unnecessary formalities can be dispensed with unless and until there is agreement between us.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg