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Mr. John Mitchell,
Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

It has not been more than two weeks since I wrote you at the suggestion of your deputy to appeal the adverse decision on my application for the raw materials of the reports on the panels on the autopsy of the late President and to be certain I have exhausted my administrative remedies. Your department has been dragging this out by one subterfuge after another for four months, which is contrary to the spirit of the law if not the letter. Now you have not replied.

If I do not hear from you soon I will have to assume you are ignoring my proper request and likewise are surrendering any right to claim I have not exhausted my administrative remedies.

There are a number of other proper requests I have made of your department that have been ignored. This, I believe, is open violation of the law. I would hope the Attorney General of the United States would disapprove when this is done in his name.

To those, to which I hope there will soon be meaningful response, I add two. I should have a supply of the DJ 118 forms, for your department seems determined that I use them. And on my last visit to the National Archives, when I asked for a copy of what is identified in the files of the Warren Commission as FM exhibit 60, I was offered only a useless printed version. I was told to ask your department for a photographic copy. I believe the executive order of your predecessor requires the picture to be in the Archives, not a useless replacement. In any event, I should like an 8x10 print. If you will tell me the cost, in the event you do not provide one to the Archives, I will remit. And if you decline, I will submit the request on Form DJ 118, once you provide the copies for which I ask.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg