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Mr. Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Fensterwald:

Reference is made to your letter of November 26, 1969 with attachment relative to the request of Mr. Harold Weisberg for disclosure of certain documents which you have stated are in the possession of the Department.

Please be advised that while we have noted and have given careful consideration to the statements in your letter we adhere to the views expressed in our prior communication.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Kleindienst
Deputy Attorney General

10/20/70

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

Dear Mr. Kleindienst,

In response to your letter to Mr. Feuerwerda saying that while there was a case in court I address you through him, you got a letter under date of September 10 to which you have not replied. Unless your request was a ploy to further interfere with the kind of research I would think the Department of Justice would least want to seem to taint itself with, I still expect some kind of meaningful response. The time for appeal in that case expired yesterday since this is no longer in court.

There are other letters, raising proper points, to which there also has been no response. I herewith respectfully request that you arrange for these inquiries to be answered in some meaningful way. Mr. Huckelhaus' letter of September 14 responds to nothing.

It is now more than three weeks since I filed a DV-110 form relating to withheld information from you relating to Bonnie Claire, a resident of New Orleans for the period in question. There has been no response, not even acknowledgement. Although it may seem like coals to Newcastle to you, I suggest that non-responses and long delays are not in accord with the purposes of letter of the freedom of information law.

All of this is, in my opinion, quite inconsistent with the political presumptions about law and order for political gain. Preachers should practise. I wish you would, please.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WASHINGTON 20001

EDWARD M. CURRAN
CHIEF JUDGE

October 8, 1970

Mr. Harold Weisberg
Route 8
Frederick, Maryland, 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Re: Civil Action No. 718-70

This will acknowledge your letter dated September 21, 1970, to Chief Judge Curran which was received on October second.

The Court is unable to act on the basis of a letter, and if you desire further relief, it will be necessary to file a motion even though you do so in proper person and without legal counsel.

Sincerely yours,

Winnifred Curran

Secretary-Law Clerk to
Chief Judge Curran

WM

December 11, 1970

Hon. Gerhard A. Gesnell
U. .District Judge
U.S.Court House
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Judge Gesnell,

Your decision in Civil Action No. 718-70, in which I am the Plaintiff, did not reach me until today, having been incorrectly addressed by inadvertance.

If the language "no showing that defendants have failed to comply with any court order" refers to defendants' statement that no affidavit was filed, I did file such an affidavit as soon as I could after receiving the papers containing that allegation.

I had not been informed this had been assigned to you. Therefore, when the clerk asked the name of the judge of me, I gave that of Judge Curran. This may or may not have delayed the routing of the affidavit until after your decision was filed.

With all due respect, sir, as of today I have not received all of what was ordered delivered to me, nor has there been response to letters of request in one case - after the issuance of the order.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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HAROLD WEISBERG,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.) Civil Action No. 718-70
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF)
JUSTICE, ET AL.,)
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Defendants.)

ORDER

This case having come before the Court on plaintiff's Petition to Show Cause and Motion for Relief, and defendants' opposition thereto, and the Court finding in the allegations of the petition no showing that defendants have failed to comply with any court order, it is this 3rd day of December, 1970,

ORDERED that plaintiff's motion is denied, and that his Petition to Show Cause is hereby dismissed.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE