HR (JL) reur 7/5/77 to SS/Goff and prior correspondence relating to it 7/13/77

The Seeret Serwice has been insisting that it has no records on me suitable for PA release. I'm not clear on what followed the beginning, which the foregoing was, but I did find card records at Archives referring to their files ans State and CIA came up with records referred to SS. I've received the State copy after referral.

Whatever I have received has been preserved as received. In almost all if not all cases JL has copies. I do not recall receiving the kinds of records you seek. his is not to say I did not receive an odd letter here or there. But the full record I have not been given. It clearly is within my FOIA/PA requests.

The early part is easily obtained in summary from the excellent index you made to my Archives (etc) correspondence to the point where it became impossible for you.

If they give you any records not given to me it will be obvious that they have violated the Act and my rights under it. I am not at all sure that they now care about such things or would find themselves at all embarrassed by knowledge of it.

These records should begin with a letter from Kelley to me inviting me in for a conference, their notes on that conference (Goff and Jack Warner, flack agent also present), I think a carbon of a two -page listing of SS matters of interest to me, all JFK, and should go on through records of their decision, which may have been prior to the meeting or improvised at it but certainly continues afterwrd with bith Archives (GSA) and Justice.

There may well have been phone conversations on which notes were made or memos written, including by secretaries or others on extension phones.

With any seriousness by those making claims there have to be records of communications with Burke Marshall, perhaps others in re Kennedys. You might also want to recall that this was later of interest to Roche, who claims responsibility for getting LBJ to have the Clark panel set up. What I am saying is that although your request is limited to Memo Tr and appears not to be any broader, there may be more involvements outside Treasury than we know of. By the way, David Acheson was then the assistant Sec. Treasury for that area.

I am going to have to try to concentrate on writing. I have slowed down more. Perhaps when you get whatever you get you can make a copy and send it to me. Don't do any extensive copying for Jim unless you pay no more than a nickel a page, which I'd estimate to be our overall cost. If you can do it for this or less, it would relieve great pressures here not to have to do it. Perhaps I can get Jim to make a comparison, especially if you get or make a list. I have the SS parts in the regular SS file and some in the PA separate file I've beging to establish. Older files that belong there have not been moved because I just can't get to it.

In all of this please bear in mind that you and Jim are the executors of my estate and while the whole thing is not formalized in stereotyped legal form is set forth in detail with dated copies to other than the two of you and in my own files. So you have certain rights and powers should something happen to me and should there be a right to damages that would have been part of the estate absent those damages. I think this whole matter of the Memo TR is one such damage.

After a littl exercise, now meaning real littel, I plan to write JL about another aspect of this that came to me this morning.

Hestily,

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July 5, 1977

Mr. Robert O. Goff
FOI/PA Officer
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Secret Service
1800 G Street, N.W. Room 908
Washington, D.C. 20223

Dear Mr. Goff:

Pursuant to your letter to me dated June 20, 1977, concerning my recent Freedom of Information Act request I am enclosing an "Authorization and Release" signed by Mr. Harold Weisberg and dated June 28, 1977.

Sincerely,

Howard Roffman

enclosure

AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

I, Harold Weisberg, Route 12, Frederick, Maryland 21701, have read and am familiar with the request made by Howard Roffman of the United States Secret Service under the Freedom of Informati Act concerning my efforts to obtain the "memo of transfer." This request is contained in Mr. Roffman's letter of June 15, 1977 to Mr. Robert Goff of the Secret Service, and is further detailed in Mr. Roffman's letter of June 25, 1977, to Mr. Goff. Copies of both letters are in my possession.

I hereby authorize the Secret Service to release to Mr. Roffman, and to him only, all documents relevant to his request and to do so without masking or otherwise obliterating my name as it appears in such documents. This authorization is made solely in response to Mr. Roffman's request and is not an authoriz for release of such documents to anyone other than Mr. Roffman or myself.

Harold Weisberg

6/28/77

Date

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

1988

FILE June 20, 1977

Mr. Howard Roffman
5885 Edenfield Road
Apt B-29
Jacksonville, Florida 32211

Dear Mr. Roffman:

Below is the proper format for a Freedom of Information request as defined under Title 31 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1, Subpart A, Section 1.5(c):

(1) In writing with the signature and authorization from Mr. Harold Weisberg.

(2) State that it is made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C., Section 552), or Title 31 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1A.

(3) Be addressed to: Freedom of Information &
Privacy Acts Officer
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Secret Service
1800 G Street, N.W., Room 908
Washington, D.C. 20223.

(4) Reasonably describe the records in sufficient detail to enable Secret Service employees to locate the records;

(5) Set forth the address where you wish to be notified of the determination as to whether the request will be granted.

(6) State whether you wish to inspect the records or desire to have a copy made and furnished without first inspecting them.

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(7) State your firm agreement to pay fees for search and duplication. You should state an acceptable upper limitation which you are willing to pay to cover the costs of processing the request. Fees imposed by the Secret Service are in accordance with the uniform fee schedule of the Treasury Department which is as follows: (a) $.10 each for photocopies and (b) $5.00 for each hour or fraction thereof for services of personnel involved in locating records.

Sincerely,

Robert O. Goff
Freedom of Information &
Privacy Acts Officer
Office of Public Affairs