August 3, 1967

Mr. James J. Rowley
Chief, U.S. Secret Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rowley:

Although in the more than 14 months since I first wrote you you have not seen fit to reply, I am again writing about the subject matter of my letter of May 23, 1966.

All the evidence is that the original notes of the autopsy examination of President Kennedy were not destroyed, despite the certification by Dr. James J. Humes that he did burn some papers. I have receipts tracing these notes to your possession and the sworn testimony of Dr. Humes that, when he testified, he had in his hand copies of these original notes.

Neither the original nor copies are in the National Archives. For more than a year I have made regular requests for them. They are required to be there for several reasons:

The copies were introduced into evidence as part of Exhibit 397. This exhibit is described as identical with File 371. I have checked duplicate files of File 371 and they are not there and I have examined Exhibit 397 and they are not there. This has also been done for me by the staff of the National Archives;

The Attorney General's order of October 31, 1966, requires that everything in the possession of the government and considered by the Commission be transferred to the National Archives and made available to qualified researchers on the same basis as any other materials. You have failed to do this. I have the word of the Archivist that these notes were not with the pictures and X-rays said to be those of the autopsy.

I believe it is your personal responsibility to assure that the order of the Attorney General is obeyed by the Secret Service. It is therefore required of you that you see to it that all of the data of this description in the control or possession of the Secret Service is promptly transferred to the Archives. This includes not only these autopsy notes but also other items, such as the two copies of the Zapruder film made from the original film in Dallas. These were not only considered by the Commission, but one of the two prints is the actual exhibit that is in evidence. On this additional basis it is required to be in the Archive as part of the Commission's exhibits. An FBI copy has been substituted. This, I believe, is further impropriety for which there is less justification because we are here dealing with the murder of a President and the inadequate investigation of it.

I am satisfied there is additional Secret Service data that is withheld and improperly withheld. This, in my belief, amounts to willful suppression. I therefore call upon you to do what was required of you

more than nine months ago, comply with the order of the Attorney General and to make all of this improperly suppressed data available to qualified researchers. I ask further that you inform me of this so that I may examine this material at the Archives.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg