July 28, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Rowley:

On November 9, 1963, the Miami (Florida) police department tape-recorded a conversation between one of its informants and a representative of the so-called "National States' Rights Party". This was given to the Secret Service.

The facts have been published, first in the Miami papers and later in my book, OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS (pp.383ff.).

Since then my efforts to obtain a copy of either the tape or the transcript at the National Archives have been unsuccessful. The archivist reports either the Commission's files do not contain either or the copies cannot now be located.

Yet it is my recollection that in early 1966, when I was examining documents that originated in your agency, I did see reference to this incident. I cannot recall the file identification.

I am writing to ask that you provide the archivist or me with the identification of the file or files in which this material appears and, if he has mislaid them or if they were misfiled, that you provide the archivist with duplicate copies.

In the event this matter was not fully disclosed in the files of the Warren Commission, I ask that, pursuant to the October 31, 1966, order of the Attorney General, you provide a complete file to the National Archives. That order directs that everything considered by the Commission and in the possession of the government be transferred to the Archives and made available for research in the normal course of things.

The Warren Report says that, prior to the President's trip to Dallas, the Secret Service examined its file of threats for the period ending November 8, 1963, and for the Dallas-Fort Worth area only, nothing else. Because I will be writing and speaking further about this, if there is anything you would like to add, I would welcome it.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg