1 - Mr. Conrad ...r. Williams 1 - Mr. Mohr - Mr. Frazier 1 - Mr. Sullivan 1 - Mr. Dalbey The Deputy Attorney General 3/23/71 1 - Mr. Rosen - Mr. Bishop REC 83 62 - 10 10 60. Director, FBI FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST HAROLD WEISBERG Reference is made to your memorandum dated March 16, 1971, forwarding a letter from Mr. Weisberg for comment (Form DJ 118, and Mr. Weisberg's letter dated March 4, 1971, and personal check in the amount of \$3.00 attached). Your attention is directed to your memoranda dated May 19, 1970, and June 22, 1970, and my replies dated May 28, 1970, and July 1, 1970, respectively, concerning previous requests from Mr. Weisberg for photographs and other information from the investigative files of this Bureau relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. Your attention is also directed to current litigation in the matter of Harold Weisberg v. Department of Justice, USDC D. C., Civil Action No. 2301-70, in which Mr. Weisberg has petitioned the court, under the Administrative Procedures Act, for other material relating to the ssassination. 197 Since the photographs requested are part of the investigative tiles of this Bureau and in view of the pending litigation, it is recommended that Mr. Weisberg's request be denied. The attachments to your memorandum hre being returned as enclosures to this memorandum. Enclosures (3) - Assistant Attorney General Civil Division OTE: Based on memo Griffith to Conrad 3/22 same re. MEW;ljb/(13) ووطد الد JI. ROOMÍ

DATE: March 16, 1971

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: Honorable J. Edgar Hoover

Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : Richard G. Kleindienst

Deputy Attorney General

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Request Harold Weisberg

Mr. Weisberg requests access to certain photographs regarding the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

Would you please review Mr. Weisberg's request and give me your comments.

Please return the materials when you are through with them. Thank you.

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Hr. Gerald D. Fines Assistant to the Deputy Attorney General U.S. Degertment of Justice Yashington, D.C. 20530

Dear Hr. Bines, .

Your letter of February 22 arrived when I was out of town, In response, let me begin by quoting the first part of your second paragraph, for I think it is inaccurate and that it would be unfortunate were such a misconception to become a fixed idea:

"Iz order for your request to be considered, it is necessary that you complete the enclosed Form DJ-118 in detial."

This is not accurate as a matter of either fact of law, and most of the information provided by your Department and others is provided without completion of such forms. You may elect to require the completion of the form. Because you have this rights, I enclose the coupleted ons.

Maturally, I could have included one with the original letter, However, as you may not understand, I find the whole concept that a citizen must use legal force to obtain public information from his government inconsistent with the theory of our society and government.

I do hope the fay comes when government feels the same way.

The required check is also enclosed.

Sincerely



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