

FOIA REQUEST

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Dear Ms. Lawton:

We have corresponded in the past relative to one of my FOIA requests relating to the Kennedy assassination. Your office was very helpful and considerate.

My current request under the FOIA is for records relating to the efforts of researchers, including but not limited to Harold Weisberg, to obtain a copy of a record called the "memo of transfer" and the process by which the government determined to withhold this record for several years and then to release it in 1975. The memo of transfer is dated April 26, 1965 and was executed when Dr. George G. Burkley transferred the autopsy pictures and X-rays and other materials to Mrs. Evelyn Lincoln at the National Archives.

My request includes, but is not limited to, correspondence between the Justice Department and other agencies, such as the GSA, concerning the memo of transfer, records of the forwarding of Mr. Weisberg's letters to the Justice Department from GSA and any memorandum written pursuant to such forwarding, and opinions prepared within the Justice Department concerning the applicability of the FOIA to the memo of transfer.

To aid your search, I know that Mr. Dudley Chapman of the Office of Legal Counsel, was involved in a phase of the decision-making process relevant to my request. He attended a meeting in the office of the Director of the Secret Service at 2:30 p.m. on February 12, 1969, at which the memo of transfer was discussed. Also present at that meeting were Thomas Kelley and a Mr. Peterson, both of S.S., SS legal counsel Robert Goff, SAIC John E. Parker, James B. Rhoads, the Archivist, and Harry Van Cleve and Byron E. Harding, GSA lawyers. I would of course like copies of any records you have concerning that meeting, such as notes or memoranda produced by Mr. Chapman.

I appreciate all of your efforts. In case it is not possible to release records to me without masking Mr. Weisberg's name, please tell me in advance and I will produce a waiver from Mr. Weisberg.

Sincerely,

Howard Roffman