

December 4, 1969

Dr. James B. Rhoads, Archivist
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Washington, D.C. 20408

Dear Dr. Rhoads,

This is in response to your letter of 12/1/69. Despite the many times I have written you about this, you persist in the evasive language, "among the records of the Warren Commission".

So, tediously, I again ask you regardless of source of file designation, or how stored, where kept, when received - from any source whatsoever. You have some files from other sources.

I make no effort to disguise my inability to conceive that the American Government can have an official archive on the assassination of a President and the most basic evidences of all is not in it.

One thing you perhaps did not intend to cover in the language you used is knowledge of where these missing things are, whether or not you find copies in files other than those of the Warren Commission. I would like to know where any of this evidence may be, including also the medical specimens.

If, as you say, the Commission's file copy of XE740 has the photo-engraving screen built in, it is apparent that the Commission was not in a position to study this picture with a simple magnifying glass. Helpfully, not even an investigation of this character can be conducted with such "evidence".

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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Washington, D.C. 20408



December 1, 1969

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

We regret that a paragraph was inadvertently omitted from our letter of November 18 replying to your letters of October 25 and November 1, 1969.

This paragraph was as follows:

We do not know of an original of Commission Exhibit 391 or any memoranda, letters of transmittal and distribution, or appendages to this exhibit among the records of the Warren Commission. The copies of CE 391 and 740 that we are furnishing you were made from photographs which are the Commission's file copies of these exhibits.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'James E. Rhoads'.

JAMES E. RHOADS
Archivist of the United States