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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

SUBJECT : Harold Weisberg

1. Reference is made to your memorandum, dated 2 January 1975, in which you requested a close search of the Office of Security file pertaining to Harold Weisberg and any other files which may contain references to his name. Of particular interest, according to your request, were items which would indicate that Mr. Weisberg had ever been subjected to surveillance activity of any type by the Office of Security.

2. The Office of Security file on Harold Weisberg disclosed that he was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 8 April 1913 of Russian born parents. He attended the University of Delaware for three years, 1931 to 1934, without attaining a degree, and worked as a newspaper correspondent, United States Government employee and freelance writer prior to entering the United States Army in December 1942. While in military service, Mr. Weisberg served with the Office of Strategic Services in North Africa. According to a Personal History Statement, completed by Mr. Weisberg in December 1944, he was given an "Honorable-Medical" discharge from the United States Army in November 1944. A background investigation, completed in July 1944, was completely favorable as to Mr. Weisberg's loyalty and reputation. He has had no subsequent affiliation with the Agency since 1944.

4. Since 1944, the only material placed in Mr. Weisberg's Security file, in addition to the 1971 letter to Mr. Helms which you mentioned in your request, have been summaries, prepared by the Office of Security and newspaper sources, relative to the book he has written entitled "Whitewash", "Whitewash II", "Frame-Up", "Photographic Whitewash", and "Oswald in New Orleans: Case for Conspiracy with the CIA." All of these publications are critical of the Warren Commission Report, relative to the assassination of President Kennedy, and have called for additional Congressional investigation to determine the real story behind the death of the President.

5. While the name of Mr. Harold Weisberg appears in several other files maintained by the Office of Security, each of the citations pertain to Mr. Weisberg's books on his efforts on disproving the findings of the Warren Commission.

6. Mr. Weisberg's Security file reflects no information to indicate that he has ever been personally subjected to any electronic, mechanical or human surveillance of any type.

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