

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

*National Archives and Records Service*  
Washington, DC 20408



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James H. Lesar, Esquire  
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Dear Mr. Lesar:

This is in reply to your letter of March 12, 1975, requesting disclosure of certain Warren Commission documents on behalf of Mr. Paul Hoch and Mr. Harold Weisberg and citing the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552, as amended).

The following is in response to your requests:

1. Enclosed is a copy of the executive session transcript of December 6, 1963, of the Commission with deletions of names and identifying details of persons discussed in connection with the choice of the General Counsel of the Commission. The deleted information and your request for disclosure of the executive session transcript of May 19, 1964, which deals solely with a discussion of Commission personnel, are denied under 5 U.S.C. 552, subsection (b)(5) "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency"; and subsection (b)(6), "personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." Your request for disclosure of the executive session transcript of June 23, 1964, is denied under 5 U.S.C. 552, subsection (b)(1)(A) and (B) matters "specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy and are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive Order" and subsection (b)(5), "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency."

2. Enclosed is a copy of pages 43 and 46-58 of the executive session transcript of December 5 (the correct date, instead of December 6), 1963, with deletions, including all of pages 44 and 45, of names and other identifying information concerning persons named or discussed in connection with

the choice of the General Counsel of the Commission. The information deleted is denied under 5 U.S.C. 552, subsection (b)(5), "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency" and subsection (b)(6), "personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."


3. Enclosed is a copy of pages 23-32 of the executive session transcript of December 16, 1963. On page 29 there are deletions under the same exemptions of 5 U.S.C. 552 stated in item 2 above.

4. Your request for disclosure of pages 63-73 of the executive session transcript of January 21, 1964, is denied under 5 U.S.C. 552, subsection (b)(1)(A) and (B), matters "specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and are in fact properly classified pursuant to each Executive order" and subsection (b)(5), "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency."

5. Copies of a transcript of the reporter's notes of the executive session of January 22, 1964, have been sent to you, to Mr. Hoch, and to Mr. Weisberg.

You have a right to file an administrative appeal with respect to the material denied you. Such an appeal should be in writing and addressed to the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, DC 20408. To expedite the handling of an appeal, both the face of the appeal and the envelope should be prominently marked, "Freedom of Information Appeal."

Sincerely,

  
EDWARD G. CAMPBELL  
Assistant Archivist

Enclosure