

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, F.B.I.

DATE: Oct 9 1970

FROM : Richard G. Kleindienst
Deputy Attorney General *RLK*

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act

Attached hereto are copies of a request from Mr. Harold Weisberg for information concerning the assassination of President Kennedy.

Would you please have this request reviewed and send me your comments so that I can make an appropriate disposition.

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Mr. Harold Weisberg
~~Bank of America~~ Press
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Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I have your letter of September 15 in which you request certain information regarding the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

As you know, it is necessary for you to submit the Form DJ-118 together with the required fee, when requesting information of this nature from the Department. I am enclosing a copy of the form for your use.

Sincerely,

R. Richards Rolapp
Special Assistant to the
Deputy Attorney General

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Mr. Richard Kleindienst
Deputy Attorney General
The Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kleindienst,

Because of your recent request to Mr. Fensterwald, I assure you that the subject of this letter is not in litigation and I would prefer that it not reach that stage. I wrote you because, under the law, you are the person I am required to address.

Ronnie Caire, then of New Orleans, was an associate of Sergio Arcacha Smith and others who figured in the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. Lee Harvey Oswald also applied to him for a job. Oswald had Caire's office address masked in his address book. Caire and Arcacha ran an anti-Castro, fund-raising organization that used an address Oswald also used. Arcacha was the New Orleans head of an organization established, directed and financed by the CIA.

Caire's office address was then the Gigali Building, at the corner of Camp and Canal Streets, New Orleans. His home address was 616 Dumaine Street. This address his organization ("The Crusade to Free Cuba"), Oswald and Arcacha all used is 544 Camp Street, which is identical with a side entrance used by the FBI to mask this address, 551 Lafayette Street.

Caire claims to have been interrogated for 100 hours. The National Archives says it has no single FBI report or even reference to him. I request copies of all relevant data. I presume it should not have been denied the Warren Commission and would prefer to believe it is misfiled somewhere.

Caire's home address is less than two short blocks from Dumaine and Decatur, where Oswald picketed the carrier Wass in the early summer of 1964, a rather intriguing coincidence, in view of the foregoing. In the course of his investigation, which was not for law-enforcement purposes, the FBI obtained a copy of the leaflet Oswald then distributed, identified a fingerprint on it as not Oswald's, and, if it ever told the Warren Commission whose fingerprint it was, I have been able to find no record of it. I therefore ask if this fingerprint was that of anyone in any way connected with the assassination investigation. I would like to know whose it is, for there are also those who should have been connected with the investigation and appear not to have been.

Should you desire that I submit forms, of course, I will. However, I do hope these unessential formalities can be dispensed with unless and until there is disagreement between us.

Sincerely,

Lillian Weisberg
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9/23/70

Mr. R. Richards Rolapp
Special Assistant to the Deputy Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Rolapp,

In accordance with your letter of 9/23, I enclose herewith the completed DJ-118 form re: Ronnie Cagne and my check.

Your letter says "it is necessary for you to submit" the DJ-118 form. Is this really the case? Or is it that you can require it and so elect? I do not for a moment doubt you can do this. What I am asking is merely does the Department make this requirement universal? As with such writing as the current Whitbeck book, with the Overstreets and with others who write what is pleasing to officials?

Using this form makes me feel it will be necessary to go to court. That, I assure you, I would like to avoid. Hence my initial suggestion that we dispense with unnecessary formalities.

May I use this occasion to remind you of a number of unanswered letters, not included in what are so frothily described as responses by Mr. Elden Hiest and Mr. Ruckelhaus in their letters to Mr. Fensterwald? I would appreciate getting responsive answers.

For your information, I have accepted Mr. Ruckelhaus' suggestion and written Judge Curran about what I believe to be perjury by your Mr. Anderson. I did not tell him the Department's official spokesman described his order as "bullshit", although, if I had, I would have been doing no more than accommodating Mr. Ruckelhaus.

I do thank you for the promptness of your reply and for your thoughtfulness in enclosing the form.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg
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Harold Weisberg

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20530

REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO OFFICIAL RECORD
UNDER 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 28 CFR PART 16

See instructions for payment and delivery of this form at bottom of page

NAME OF REQUESTER <i>Harold A. Katcher</i>		ADDRESS (street, city, state and zip code) Rt. 8, Frederick, Md. 21701	
DATE <i>9/23/70</i>			
DO YOU WISH TO RECEIVE COPIES? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, SO INDICATE (no more than 10 copies of any document will be furnished).	NUMBER OF COPIES REQUESTED <i>one each</i>	OFFICE AND CITY WHERE RECORD IS LOCATED (if known) <i>Washington, New Orleans</i>	
DESCRIPTION OF RECORD REQUESTED (include any information which may be helpful in locating record) <i>All information about and FBI reports of interviews with Ronnie Cairo, questioned for Warren Commission. Further details in letter of 9/15/70. His then address was 616 Dumaine St., office, Cigali -log (Camp & Canal) New Orleans. He was associate and friend of Sergio Arsecha Smith. His office is marked in Lee Harvey Oswald's notebook. Oswald applied to him for a job. The organization he and Arsecha created also used address Oswald used. He claims to have been interviewed for about 100 hours.</i>			
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Harold A. Katcher
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This form may be delivered to any of the offices listed in 28 C. F. R. 16.2 or mailed to Office of the Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. 20530

100-10, 461-9245
September 23, 1970