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R ITEMS USED

(ZNS) THE F-B-I REPORTS THAT NEXT WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 18TH) THE BUREAU WILL RELEASE ANOTHER 40,000 PAGES OF FORMERLY-SECRET DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE JOHN KENNEDY ASSASSINATION CASE.

A LONGTIME ASSASSINATION RESEARCHER, HAROLD WEISBERG, OF FREDERICK, MARYLAND, SAYS HE WILL BE IN FEDERAL COURT ON TUESDAY TO CHALLENGE THE WAY IN WHICH THE F-B-I HAS BEEN RELEASING THE J-F-K MATERIALS.

WEISBERG IS ACCUSING THE F-B-I OF WHAT HE TERMS A (QUOTE) "NEW KIND OF NEWS MANAGEMENT." BY RELEASING TENS-OF-THOUSANDS OF PAGES AT ONCE, HE SAYS, (QUOTE)"THEY FLOOD EVERYBODY. EVERY REPORTER HAS TO GRAB FOR THE FIRST HEADLINE WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT MATERIAL IS RELEVANT AND WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN FABRICATED."

THE RELEASE OF THE DOCUMENTS IN ONE BIG PILE, WEISBERG CLAIMS, CONFUSES EVERYBODY.

WEISBERG'S SUIT ASKS THAT THE F-B-I BE ORDERED TO SUPPLY HIM WITH COPIES OF ALL THE DOCUMENTS AHEAD OF TIME SO THAT HE CAN BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS, AND TO COMMENT ON SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS.

THE F-B-I RELEASED 40,000 EARLIER PAGES IN A SIMILAR FASHION LAST MONTH. WEISBERG CONTENTS THAT THE PREVIOUS RELEASE WAS A "MEDIA EVENT" THAT CAUSED MORE CONFUSION ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION THAN IT CLEARED UP.

HE POINTS TO WIDESPREAD NEWS REPORTS LAST MONTH INDICATING THAT F-B-I DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER SUSPECTED FIDEL CASTRO'S POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT IN THE ASSASSINATION BECAUSE OF LETTERS MAILED FROM CUBA TO LEE HARVEY OSWALD IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ASSASSINATION.

WEISBERG CLAIMS THAT HOOVER AND THE F-B-I HAD PROVED THAT THE LETTERS WERE FAKES, BUT EVIDENCE OF THIS WAS WITHHELD FROM LAST MONTH'S RELEASE. AS A RESULT, HE SAYS, MANY AMERICANS GOT THE ERRONEOUS IMPRESSION THROUGH NEWS REPORTS THAT CASTRO MIGHT BE IMPLICATED IN THE J-F-K SLAYING. WEISBERG SAYS HE BELIEVES THERE ARE STILL HIGH FEDERAL OFFICIALS AROUND WHO SIMPLY WANT TO STIR UP TROUBLE WITH CUBA.--ZODIAC

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