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To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg, re my PA request/appeal 7/1/80

Although I included the attached Criminal Division record #912 (JFK) in the appeal I mailed you yesterday, I now write you separately about it. I have added the six underlyings.

Supposedly all records bear file identifications. This does not. I take that to mean that a good-faith search cannot be made if limited to so-called recorded copies.

This copy was provided in belated 1980 compliance, so far partial compliance, with my request the Criminal Division dates at May 21, 1977. It has not provided any explanation for the inordinate delay.

It also is responsive to an even earlier request, my four-year-old PA request, with which Criminal Division, having this record, has not complied and did not provide it in an effort to comply with my PA request. This, of course, is also true of the other JFK records mentioning my name that Criminal has and had.

I am the captioned subject of this memo. It is of the administrative division. It thus establishes that the administrative component has pertinent records and after more than four years has not provided them. Not even after your reminders were distributed.

It refers to a memorandum from OLC. OLC, therefore, has this and the related records and has not provided them after more than four years and after pretending some compliance.

My captioned letter was to the Attorney General. That office, therefore, should have it and all other pertinent records, of which Criminal provided only some in belated compliance with the JFK request only. The AG's copies are important because he was misinformed (a police way of saying deceived and misled) by subordinates. The cost, aside from moral and ethical considerations, as I think you may agree, has been considerable and is far from fully paid. If what I am saying is not clear, please reread the pertinent portions of the appeal to which all the copies provided are attached.

Thus, at the very least, not fewer than four Departmental components have not complied with my 1976 PA request and despite my timely appeal, this and the related records were not provided on appeal.

The memo states that in an unsuccessful effort to find my earlier letter two files

were searched, 129-11 and 129-012-3, the second having what is called "restricted" sections. (It does not say "classified.")

It therefore seems pretty obvious that as a minimum and to everyone's knowledge any compliance with my RA request had to include these two known files.

I have also underlined the reference to "record cards." Any such cards pertaining to me are within my request. In this appeal I ask for expedited processing of them because if I have them it might be possible to expedite the long-stonewalled request. The sense in which these cards are referred to suggests rather strongly that everybody knows about them and what they hold. In turn this suggests rather strongly that non-compliance was not accidental and was Department-wide. That all components failed in the same manner is not easy to believe.

If the long-locked portal under the ~~Araven~~, "The Place of Justice is a Hallowed Place" had not been unlocked I'd suspect that someone was trying to do a number on me.

Can you forecast how much less or more than four more years it will require before a good-faith search is begun?

I'd like to know.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. diGirolamo

DATE: March 21, 1967

FROM : Bernice D. Bennett

SUBJECT: Letter of March 12, 1967, from Harold Weisberg, Coq d'Or Press,  
Hyattstown, Md.

By memorandum addressed to you dated March 17, 1967, Mr. David C. Stephenson of the Office of Legal Counsel requested any information which we may have relating to the allegations in Mr. Weisberg's letter to the Attorney General concerning his inability to view certain materials associated with the assassination of President Kennedy.

One of our better Classification Clerks has made a diligent search for anything to or from Mr. Weisberg and has found nothing. I, personally, have made the second diligent search and have found nothing. Although we have carefully examined each piece of correspondence in files 129-11 and 129-012-3 as well as the restricted sections of 129-012-3, we have found no mention of any such request by Mr. Weisberg. Since his letter fails to refer to previous correspondence with this Department, perhaps his was an oral request to some individual within the Department. Record cards have been searched from 1963 to date .