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Mr. Marion Johnson
National Archives
Washington, D.C. 20408

Dear Mr. Johnson,

I have a request for some JFK material I'd prefer asking you to fill, charging the cost to my account

With all the young people who have had access to my files I'm not at all certain that they remain complete. Subsequent to my illness I've fallen behind in my own filing, too.

It is for everything about both Paines and Arnold Lewis Kessler.

This includes both sides of the Paines families.

If anything remains withheld I'd appreciate knowing its identification and the exemptions claimed.

Please send these records not to me but to Mr. Syd Stapleton, Esq. Box 649
Cooper Station, New York, N.Y. 10003

Thanks you very much.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

Dear Mr. S., While the Archives charges 20¢ per xerox the local charge is from 15¢ up and requires that I take time for driving and waiting. Aside from the reasons in my letter to the Archives you'll get the best possible copies this way. Much will be FBI FD302s. I've asked for what may remain withheld because as I recall it while there should have been extensive Warren Commission staff work on these people I recall no such records released to me. If you are provided with any I would appreciate copies. If you are not let me know and I'll go farther for you. I'm tired and my memory is not what it was but I am confident there were in the files of New York, Philadelphia and Los Angeles origin suggestions of official connection. In Dallas Michael Paine did not a classified job at Bell Helicopter. Ruth did phone the FBI, which is subject to innocent explanation after the assassination. Perhaps less innocent when one recalls that two weekends earlier she has read Oswald's letter to the Russian Embassy.... On Kessler, Mr. Lamont has the memo sent me by a friend relating to him. If I did not tell you although that friend was ~~SWP~~ SWP his brother applied for a Pentagon job and I think got it. This friend broke off when I cautioned him about being enamored of a woman who worked for the FBI and was going out with him when he was the age of her father. Earlier this woman had been going out with an old-time SWB member in the same San Francisco area although he was then in his 70s. His name was Leon.... I think it is inevitable that there are 1966-1967 references to me in what you have obtained from the San Francisco files. I spoke under SWP auspices, in Golden Gate Park, after some fairly professional red-baiting from a young man who could not have had first-person knowledge and who could have obtained his source material as he claimed. His only possible source and his twisted perspective both had to be official. Best wishes, HW

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April 22, 1977

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

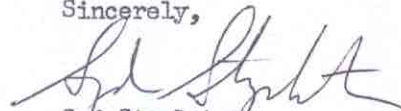
Thank you for your latest letter. I am unable to answer any of your questions about Mr. Lamont, since I have little contact with him. He gave a copy of your original letter to Leonard Boudin, who gave it to me.

I'm afraid that what you outline in your letter is too murky to provide a basis for requests for documents as part of our suit. However, the government documents you mention might provide the basis for further inquiry.

Therefore, it would be very helpful to us if you could copy and forward any material you might think useful. If you dropped it off at a commercial copying place, the work involved could be reduced to a minimum, and we would be happy to re-imburse you for any costs.

Please let me know if this seems reasonable. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Syd Stapleton

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