

Ms. Janet Reno
The Attorney General
The Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530

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Dear General Reno,

I hope this gets your personal attention because I am certain that at some time in the future it will be part of a major scandal. I am aware that you are not the person to address requests to but I also believe you should, personally, know what I say in your own interest and in that of the government.

As you are probably not aware, before your time the machinery for FOIA/PA appeals was so thoroughly corrupted it was an assured waste of time to file appeals. If you question my word feel free to send someone to examine two file cabinets of them I was actually asked by the Department to file. *All are documented.*

Please excuse my typing. I'm 63 and loaded with serious illnesses. I spent six weeks of the first six months of this year in hospitals with congestive heart failure. My typing cannot ~~be~~ be any better. I think also ^{this} is evidence that I am not self-seeking in any of this.

^{One} The enclosure may well qualify as the most unusual as well as successful defense against ~~sworn~~ to perjury allegations. I put myself under oath to make the charge and it was not even denied pro-forma!

The perjury had to do with both search and compliance with my FOIA request. This, by the way, was the first suit filed under the Act after its 1974 amendments in which FBI false swearing was taken by the Congress to require amending of the investigatory files exemption. So, the FBI began the new suit with repetitious perjury, secure in the belief it would continue to be immune. As it was.

In this suit I sought all FBI information relating to the scientific testing in the JFK assassination. I enclose a page from Hard Evidence, ^{the} David Fisher ~~book~~ ^{book} in which he quotes retired FBI Lab SA Robert Frazier as saying that Mr. Hoover required him to read and annotate the earlier assassination books. My first was the first and my second was the fourth. It was published before the end of 1966. I'll be astounded, given the content of my later books, if they were not also read and annotated. There is a prima facie case in records I have that also in the Lab Lyndal Shaneyfelt also did that. If not others, too.

It is not alone in this lawsuit that I should have gotten a copy of the books that Frazier annotated. I also filed a personal FOI/PA request and requests for all JFK assassination records of the FBI.

I had to suspend FOIA litigation in 1980 because of health reverses. Since then I've been using the time that remains for me in writing to perfect the record for our history. I've distributed copies to professors in a number of colleges and universities here and abroad. They do exist, they will exist, and at some time there is, I believe a real likelihood that the matter will get the attention it has not gotten until now. I believe that at that time a number of reputations will be at stake and I would like the number of them to not be increased. From my appearances at educational institutions and reactions to my other appearances and my books it is apparent that one of the greatest causes of popular disenchantment with government is the widespread distrust of its explanation of the JFK assassination. I would like that situation to change, for the people to have a hope that perhaps government wants to be trusted more.

In the past I've received records of earlier attorneys general turning my and other communications over to assistants who can get help only from those involved, the FBI or the litigators, especially the civil division. Who created the situation and are not about to turn in anything to establish that in any degree.

What I am saying is that based on the record you have nobody in the Department to whom to turn. But I think common sense tells you that what Frazier told Fisher is obvious and that the FBI will not willingly turn that over.

If you do not respond or if your response is not satisfactory I will not take the time to appeal or to sue, although that may not, later, be true of my executors. I leave them no such instructions. And I am trying to be honest with you, as I am in saying that from my experience and particularly from correspondence from total strangers, more than 20,000 by now, belated honesty serves your personal interest and that of any government that would like to regain some of the lost confidence in government that is more than merely obvious now.

I do hope that in your interest, the government's and mine you will see to it that these records so long denied me, including by perjury to the courts, are delivered to me now. I was granted a fee waiver on all such records in either 1978 or 1979.

Sincerely,

 Harold Weisberg