

July 20, 1967

Dr. Robert H. Bahmer
Archivist of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Bahmer:

This is to record my objection to denial of access to the autopsy file of the Warren Commission working papers. I requested Xerox copies of the entire file last week. This week I was told it will not be reviewed for several months because review of the chronological files can make more material available more rapidly.

While I am in accord with procedures intended to make the most files available as rapidly as possible, this file should require no review. There is nothing properly included in this file subject to withholding under the guide-lines you supplied me. There can be nothing in any normal concept affecting national security, protection of innocent persons or informants, etc. Hence, there would seem to be no proper basis for withholding or delay.

As you know, my interest in this aspect is of long standing and we have exchanged a number of letters on it. You also know that I contest the reservations placed on the pictures and X-rays said to have been of the autopsy. I have exhausted my administrative remedies in an effort to get to examine them. But for purposes of obtaining copies of this file, I have waived my demand to see them, in the event they are included in this file, which I think would not, in any event, be the case.

I hope you will reconsider this decision. My need for this data is pressing. I have been waiting for more than a year for access to it. I would appreciate a copy of each item. If anything like the pictures and X-rays are in the file and deleted, I would also appreciate a memorandum listing what is removed.

There should be a record of the negotiations, agreements and communications of various kinds relating to the return of the pictures and X-rays. I would appreciate a copy of each item in this file, also. It, too, should not be subject to withholding under the guide-lines.

I herewith add another \$50.00 to my deposit to cover costs.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg

Unless rewritten or retyped, this apparently was by Weisberg not Bahmer