

August 22, 1968

Dr. James B. Rhoads  
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Dear Dr. Rhoads:

It would seem that there is a serious error in your letter of May 20, 1968, or Congressman Ford quotes at great length from a non-existent transcript of a non-existent Commission executive session.

His "Portrait of the Assassin" begins with a nerve-tingling account of an executive session specially called for 5:30 p.m., January 22, 1964. Thereafter, he quotes it directly through much of this chapter. The subject was the report that Oswald had been a federal agent.

Therefore, I presume this transcript does exist and is available. I assume its availability because it is now three years since it was released to him and he used it publicly. From the content, I also presume it to be without restriction.

Failure to provide me with it initially has seriously handicapped my work. I would appreciate it as soon as possible. I would like to be able to pick it up Wednesday, August 28, when I will be in the Archives to pick up the material promised for two days ago but not ready.

May I again ask that you re-examine your records to be certain that there are no additional errors and that you re-examine your position, for there is no doubt from what has already appeared in the public print that at least some of what is being withheld is being withheld improperly.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg