

October 5, 1968

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Dear Dr. Rhoads:

This is in reply to your letters of October 3.

First, I thank you for the answers and explanations contained therein and for the documents you are copying for me.

Perhaps the confusion over whether any transcript was made of the executive session of January 22, 1964, can be eliminated by data from the PC 10 file. In it there should be a bill for each of the executive sessions for which Ward and Paul provided stenographic services. It would satisfy my needs if you were to inform me of those dates. If this presents any problem for you or if you would prefer, I will pay for a copy of each bill for the taking of each executive session.

Whether or not what remains withheld is properly withheld is a question on which we disagree. I have already cited to you contents of what is withheld that is not covered by the authorities you cite. I again call to your attention that, in denying me access to the executive session of January 27, 1964, you are in the unusual position of denying me access to what a member of the Commission has already published for his personal gain. I just do not see how the government that made available to Congressman Ford what he published commercially can deny me access to those pages at least. I herewith renew my request for them.

Also, you have not ever responded to my request for the subject matter of what you are denying me. I can see no need for not letting me know the subjects that are taken up in what the government has, I think arbitrarily, denied me access to. The clear inference of your failure to do this, I think, will be that what is withheld may not be under the cited authorization. I re-emphasize that what is merely an embarrassment to the government cannot be withheld under the "Freedom of Information Act", which has the opposite purpose and intent.

I am, of course, aware of the enormity of this archive and the difficulty of keeping it all in mind. Where your employees have been helpful and cooperative, as you should know, in both my own writing and on coast-to-coast radio and TV, I have praised your agency and them. However, there remain a number of unanswered requests to which I again, respectfully, draw your attention.

Would you please also send me copies of the interview of Malcolm J. Hoy by FBI Agent Robert H. Karl of August 24, 1964, and of Jimmy Bosch, in Puerto Rico, especially that of about November 23, 1963? Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg