

July 31, 1969

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Dear Mr. Engel,

Thank you for your July 29 letter in answer to mine of July 21.

You enclosed a copy of the autopsy authorization, for which I thank you. You say of it, "An electrostatic copy of this paper is in the autopsy file for President Kennedy". The copy you sent us bears no file identification. Would you please inform us which of the numerous "autopsy" files this is in and, if it is an addition, when it was added? I did, on many occasions, ask for everything on the autopsy and have been assured, several times, that I was shown everything. However, I have no recollection of this being in any autopsy file shown me, particularly not the one so identified in the "JFK" series nor in CD 371, described as "identical with" Exhibit 397.

You say of my other requests of July 28, "The records of the Warren Commission do not include copies of any of the documents listed." This is not an unequivocal answer, for this material is both required to be in your custody and I have the written assurance of the agency of origin that it has given you copies of everything.

I therefore renew my request for each of these items. If you do not supply them, I again request the knowledge and forms required to invoke the so-called "Freedom of Information Act".

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg