April 6, 1969

Dr. James Rhoads
Archivist of the United States
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Rhoads,

Pursuant to my letter of March 23, 1969, I have received a duplicate copy of CD 47:8 and 9, a duplicate of CD 47:8 and three copies of CD47:7, each from a different FBI file, but no response to the questions I asked.

With the utter chaos built into these files, as you have personally acknowledged to be the case to me, I can conceive of no way in which this information can be elicited except by the asking of questions, particularly because this is, as is must be, a classified file and researchers cannot go from one file to another on hunch, do not have unrestricted access to the files, and cannot wander through them at will.

The validity of my questions is established by CD47:8, the last sentence of the first paragraph of which leaves no doubt there was an FBI investigation of the license number 311ORF, as I had deduced. If the FBI itself reports with denial that it had "frozen" information to a man it so studiously leaves unidentified but who I believe to be no less than a captain in the New York City Police Department, it is clear its interest was rather intensive. Now if it had such an investigation, which would appear, by its own reports to be the case, either you have them or the documents were denied the Warren Commission. In either case they are and under existing orders must be available to you, must be in this Archive. In any case, I believe they should be available to me. If you do not have them I again engage in what you have abundantly established as a futility and ask you to request them for your archive. In the remote event you decide this is to be the meaningful, historical archive the entire country has been deceived into believing it is, when you get response or the files, I would like to be informed and to have copies.

I note your continuing refusal to supply me with either a copy of the memorandum of transfer referred to in the autopsy panel report or a reason for denying it to me, now approaching a third month in delay, repeat that it is almost two months since you personally promised it promptly, and record that after a quarter of a year some of the questions I asked - these the most recent - are without response of any kind, despite your personal assurance that none remained unanswered. If this is your concept of how to be Archivist of the United States, I want to help you leave an absolutely clear record of it.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg