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

Dear Dr. Rhoads,

Mr. Angel's July 28 response to my letter of July 7 is evasive at best, is a further government effort to withhold information that may not properly be withheld and states as fact what is not.

The National Archives regularly photographs Exhibit 399. This does not subject it to any danger whatsoever. It can photograph it as safely on a scale as on a table and much more safely than it has permitted it to be photographed, in a hand.

This request is in no way related to any laboratory procedures, real or fancied. If I made such a request you might then properly respond. I have made no such request.

My purpose is quite obvious, I want to some length to make it clear and give you alternatives, and it is for information I am properly entitled to have. I want to know the exact weight of Exhibit 399.

You are undoubtedly aware of the fact that I have discovered other "typographical" errors, some of which have been "corrected". I see no reason consistent with honesty and integrity for withholding this information from me.

I renew this request, for a photograph of the bullet resting on a scale, to be made by you by whatever means you elect. I do hope you will at some point cease these evasions and long delays that are consistent with only an effort to deter use of the archive in your custody and withhold information that may not properly and legally be withheld.

Again I call to your attention matters I have raised that are without response.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg