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Dr. James D. Rhoads, Archivist
The National Archives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Rhoads,

Thank you for your letter of the 21st, with enclosures, which have just arrived. I do appreciate your sending me these things. I will try and be at the Archives as close to noon as possible on 1/5 to begin examination of what has been declassified.

Moreover, in the past you have repeatedly assured me that lists of my denied requests were being kept and that when what I had requested was declassified, it would be sent to me automatically.

You have also assured me that this is not a neglected archive, that it has no manpower problems, which is as it should be. I therefore am at a loss to understand why you cannot, as you said, send me everything that I had requested and been denied and why you now say this new material "is too voluminous for us to examine all of it."

There seems to be no Secret Service material in what you sent on these subjects. There was Secret Service interest in both. Can you tell me if this means that what has been declassified on these subjects does not include Secret Service material or that the Secret Service has not yet completed its declassification?

If the entire 1970 review now completed?

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

National Archives and Records Service

Washington, D.C. 20408



December 21, 1970

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Enclosed are copies of lists of numbered Commission documents and parts of these documents which have been made available for research as a result of the 1970 review of the Numbered Document File of the Warren Commission.

The material which has been made available is too voluminous for us to examine all of it, but enclosed are copies of pages relating to David W. Ferrie, Melvin Coffey, Layton Martens, Frederick O'Sullivan, and Thomas Vallee which we know have been made available. We would be pleased to show you all the material which has been made available for research in the National Archives in order that you can select material in which you are interested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James B. Rhoads".

JAMES B. RHOADS
Archivist of the United States

Enclosures