

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

National Archives and Records Service
Washington, DC 20408



December 7, 1976

Mr. Harold Weisberg
Route 12
Frederick, MD 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 29, 1976. We assume that you have now received our replies to both of your letters dated November 21, 1976.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane F. Smith".

(MISS) JANE F. SMITH
Director
Civil Archives Division



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Miss Jane Smith, Director
Civil Archives Division
National Archives
Washington, D.C. 20408

12/9/76

Dear Miss Smith,

I regard your letter of 12/7 as self-serving after my protest. You acknowledge receipt but no more of my 11/29 and in the balance of the less than three lines "assume that you have now received our replies to both of your letters dated November 21, 1976."

I have not received what I regard as responsive to a question the propriety of which has not been challenged relating to what is at issue in C.A. 75-1448.

The question can be answered. It involves no security or other question or issue. It does address the genuineness of the Archives's representations in this matter. It is precisely for this reason, I believe, that there is nothing but unresponsiveness and evasiveness.

I have received letters you may have in mind but about which you are not specific in identifying. I do not regard anything I have received as a proper reply.

I would like a list of those records released after the 1970-1971 review and prior to that called of 1975. My purpose is to order all I do not have. If from your list of what you have sent me you can proceed with this order I would appreciate your sending me an estimate of the cost so I can send that and not deplete my account.

When I was last at the Archives the copying equipment I saw in use were antiquated and had been the subject of complaint by your staff. Far behind as you appear to be in providing copies it seems to me that the use of more modern equipment would result in the saving of much of your staff time and better service to people. From news accounts you anticipate great demand for Nixon papers. Copying equipment that feeds what is to be copied automatically, collates up to 50 sets and at a rate of two copies per second is available. If used with any efficiency it results in much lower per-copy costs. Ours of 20 cents a page is exorbitant and contrary to the purposes of both the Archives and FOIA. Failure to use what is and has been available is what accounts for the long delays in meeting requests. You really need not have any backlog.

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Kiss Jane Smith, Director
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