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Dear Mr. Pinkett,

I sincerely regret your people did not inform Mr. ^{Leiser} that the copies had been made. If they had let him know by phone, as they have in the past with large packages, I had a ride here Wednesday afternoon. I could have picked them up then.

As of now I have no immediate need to be in Washington. I therefore would appreciate the proper and careful packaging of these records and sending them by mail or United Parcel. My experiences with United Parcel have been good. If you use this I will pay the costs.

Over the years I have had considerable experience in making packages to withstand the onslaught of modern mail handling. The CIA, whose packages reached me damaged, has followed my suggestions and I am receiving completely undamaged copies from them even in thousands of pages.

In you do not have a box that will hold these records snugly if you used cardboard on one or both sides not against the walls of the box and then stuff the empty space with newspapers or air-entrapping plastic (which the CIA uses) the records will be protected on all surfaces except the top. A piece of cardboard here and the same filling of extra space or a cutting 3/4 of the four corners to the right height and then tending them will protect all surfaces except from a shredder.

Twine is not a dependable binding. The CIA has followed my suggestion that it use what is called strapping tape and the results are excellent. This is a plastic tape that is reinforced. If you do not use this I think it will also save time over twine besides being better. It is available in an assortment of widths. A hand-held dispenser is inexpensive. Unlike twine it does not stretch and does not provide a means for improper handling by postal employees.

I do want all records as released. I am depositing them in a university. I regret this same request was refused when I was ill and even more limited in what I was able to do. It has not yet been possible for me to catch up on filing. So I have no way of knowing whether there are other records copies of which I have not obtained. If you have any way of determining this I would appreciate it. I did obtain the 1970-4 release by other means.

On the estimate of the number of Secret Service index cards I was told they totalled 6,000. I believe this was both verbally and in writing. There should also be some index cards of the Commission's. It did start to make a card index. Edward Williams ended that as unnecessary.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

Re his 6/14/77