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

Dear Miss Smith,

Your letter of the 16th relating to my request for the Paine and Kessler records is thoughtful and helpful. I do thank you for it.

I particularly appreciate your looking out for my financial interest in this. The cost is considerable. I will write you further about this later.

I have written Mr. Stapleton and sent him a copy of your letter.

Thank you also for reporting the correct balance in my account. My wife had been informed that there had been a delay in posting her addition to it.

However, I am at a loss to understand the delay, it seems like a very long delay, in providing me with copies of the newest releases. I am hearing from others who have had them for some time.

The last time I picked up a large package I noted the xeroxing machine that is used. I mean this constructively, as I hope you will understand. I have also had occasion to inquire into the kinds of copiers that are now available. You can save considerable manpower, time and money with updated equipment. While I do not know your volume or the costs of the most modern machines, I do know they can mechanically feed and collate up to 50 copies at a rate of two copies per second. Others without this fantastic capacity are available that do both feed and collate.

It is not only the long time required for the filling of orders that is on my mind. It is also the cost. You have doubled your charges at a time when commercial charges have been halved and when it is possible to buy machines small enough for home use for copies at a cash cost of perhaps a penny each.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION  
*National Archives and Records Service*  
Washington, DC 20408



May 16, 1977

Mr. Harold Weisberg  
Route 12  
Frederick, MD 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in reply to your letter of April 26, 1977, concerning Warren Commission records relating to the Paines and to Arnold Lewis Kessler.

We estimate that there are about 1700 pages of available records in the file relating to Michael and Ruth Hyde Paine. There are 30 pages in the file for Arnold Lewis Kessler. We can furnish copies of these records to Mr. Syd Stapleton for about \$346.00. The final cost will depend upon the meter count of the pages when the records are copied. There is a balance of \$93.50 in your deposit account. To order, please send a check or money order made payable to the National Archives Trust Fund (NNFL) and addressed to the Cashier, National Archives (GSA), Washington, DC 20408.

The following material in the Paine file is withheld from research under the indicated exemptions in 5 U.S.C. 552 (b):

- (1) Letter of J. Edgar Hoover to J. Lee Rankin of March 16, 1964, transmitting CD 500-508; (b) (6) and (b) (7) (C).
- (2) CD 713; (b) (3).
- (3) CD 848; (b) (3).
- (4) CD 849, p. 9, 14-26; deletions under (b) (7) (C) (D).
- (5) CD 75, p. 257-258; deletions under (b) (7) (C) (D).
- (6) CD 786b, p. 7-8; deletions under (b) (7) (C).
- (7) CD 212; deletions under (b) (7) (C) (D).
- (8) CD 504; deletions under (b) (1) and (b) (7) (C) (D).
- (9) CD 505; deletions under (b) (7) (D).
- (10) CD 506, p. 1; deletions under (b) (1) and (b) (7) (D).



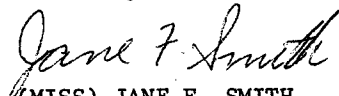
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- (11) CD 508, p. 1; deletions under (b) (1) and (b) (7) (D).
- (12) CD 516, first page and p. 14; deletions under (b) (7) (C) (D).
- (13) CD 268; deletions under (b) (7) (C) (D).
- (14) CD 849, p. 2, 10-13, 27, 31, 32; deletions under (b) (7) (C) (D).
- (15) CD 5, p. 423, 424, 427; deletions under (b) (7) (C) (D).
- (16) CD 6, p. 126-127; deletions under (b) (7) (C) (D).
- (17) CD 7, p. 413, 416, 417; deletions under (b) (6) and (b) (7) (C) (D) (E).
- (18) CD 75, p. 259; deletions under (b) (7) (C) (D).
- (19) CD 258; deletions under (b) (1) and (b) (7) (C) (D).
- (20) Unsigned letter of December 2, 1963, to A. W. Dulles; (b) (6) and (7) (C).
- (21) CD 600, 601, 603-626; deletions under (b) (7) (C) (D).
- (22) CD 218; deletions under (b) (1) and (b) (7) (C) (D).

Pages 3 and 11-14 of CD 1228 in the Arnold Lewis Kessler file have deletions under 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (7) (C).

Sincerely,

  
(MISS) JANE F. SMITH  
Director  
Civil Archives Division