

November 12, 1978

Dear Harold:

I do not have a copy of the Martin film or any other film associated with New Orleans. Some months ago you mentioned you had a copy, but a cursory look by you failed to find it and ;you put it off until you had some time.

The press conference on 2052-73 had to be delayed until Monday November 20, our press people were swamped and worn out. Jarvis will be here then and I will have the press meeting at the time he holds his, ~~ix~~ ie right after ofcourse.

Jim White was here a few days ago and I Elaine and the kids truly enjoyed his company. He went to my classes and listened like a good student. I also spoke to Dave's thrid grade class on Indians and Jim went too.

Enclosed is a copy of crazy Jane's letter back to me. It is actually fiercely insulting to me, as they well know I know a professional archivist keeps minute records of many types. Adios, Dave



October 31, 1978

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Dear Wrone:

This is in reply to your letter of October 2, 1978, concerning material relating to the assassination of President Kennedy.

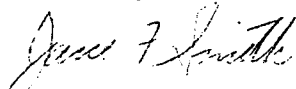
The following information is furnished in response to the requests listed in your letter:

1. The records of the Warren Commission are, of course, subject to the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, including the 1974 amendments, which have resulted in the release of additional records. Approximately 90% of the records is available for research. Certain records of the following types are withheld from research under specific exemptions of 5 U.S.C. 552 as amended: (1) records related to the national security (5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (1)); (2) records withheld from public disclosure by specific statutes such as income tax returns (5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (2)); (3) "personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy" (5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (6) ); and (4) "investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such records would ... (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, /or/ (D) disclose the identity of a confidential source..." (5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (7)).
2. We do not have a list of all the photographic items relating to the assassination. Some of them are listed in entry 18 of the inventory of the records of the Commission, the tables of contents of the exhibits volumes in the Hearings of the Commission, and the list described in item 3 below.
3. Enclosed is a copy of the Attorney General's order of October 31, 1966, which is apparently the order to which you refer. The purpose of the order was to vest title in the United States to the evidentiary material accumulated by the Warren Commission and listed in the order. Most of this material was already in the

possession of the National Archives at the time of the publication of the Attorney General's order. The windshield of President Kennedy's car was later turned over to the National Archives by the Secret Service, and the Oswald rifle and pistol were turned over to us by the FBI.

4. Enclosed is a list of our administrative files relating to material concerning the assassination. In addition to these files our Office of General Counsel (General Services Administration) has files relating to legal aspects of the custody by NARS of materials relating to the assassination of President Kennedy and to litigation concerning these materials. Access to all these files is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act. Requests for access to the files should be addressed to the unit having custody of them.
5. The records of the Rockefeller Commission are in the custody of the NARS Office of Presidential Libraries. The finding aid for these records is security classified. Requests for access to it and to the records should be addressed to former President Gerald R. Ford, whose address is P. O. Box 927, Rancho Mirage, California 92270.

Sincerely,



(MISS) JANE F. SMITH  
Director  
Civil Archives Division

Enclosures

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National Archives and Records Service

Administrative Files Relating to  
Warren Commission Records and Kennedy Autopsy Materials

1. Legislative, Judicial, and Fiscal Branch Records

A. Warren Commission - Reference Service Requests

1. General reference requests, arranged by Fiscal Year, thereunder alphabetically by name of requestor
2. Freedom of Information Act requests, arranged by calendar year, thereunder alphabetically by name of requestor
3. Special reference service
  - a. General information
  - b. Congressional requests
  - c. Recurrent researchers
  - d. Crank mail

B. Warren Commission - Clippings

C. Warren Commission - Accessioning

1. "P&C 065-103 Transfer of Warren Commission Files I" \*
2. "P&C 065-103 Accessioning of Zapruder Camera"
3. "P&C 065-103 UPI-Nix and Muchmore Film"

D. Warren Commission - Access

1. "P&C Case No. 065-103 Transfer of Warren Commission Files: Part II - Access Policy"
2. "P&C Case No. 065-103 Warren Commission - Guideline Material for Review of Warren Commission Records"
3. "P&C 065-103 Warren Commission - Accessioning - Acceptance by the Government of Gift from Kennedy Family"

\* Quotation marks indicate titles of individual folders

4. "P&C 065-103 Warren Commission - Retention of Evidence, File"
5. "Senate Select Committee on Assassinations - Report on the Assassination of Senator Richard Schweiker"
6. "Access to Documents in Papers of Confederate Members"
7. "Correspondence with Burke Marshall and Researchers Concerning Autopsy Materials"
8. "Warren Commission - Nichols Suit"
9. "Skolnick v. NARS"
10. "Warren Commission - Subpoena Issued to the Archivist, State of Louisiana v. Clay L. Shaw"
11. "Harold Weisberg - Transcript of 1/27/64"

E. Warren Commission - Retention of Evidence

1. "P&C 065-103 Warren Commission - Retention of Evidence, Items to be Considered for Retention"
2. "P&C Case No. 065-103 - Transfer of Warren Commission Files - Retention of Evidence"
3. [Untitled, duplicates of previous files]
4. [Untitled, duplicates of previous files]
5. "P&C 065-103 Warren Commission - Accessioning - <sup>V</sup>~~F~~esting of Items by AG"

F. Warren Commission - Finding Aids

1. "RG 226 NCP466-41 - Arrangement and Description of Presidential Commission Records"
2. "Warren Commission - Shelf List - Inventory"
3. "Ray Shurtleff report, 1/29/65, to Northeastern University and longhand notes of RS re WC files"
4. "Warren Commission - List of Basic Source Materials"

5. "Finding Aid - Key Persons List"
6. "Warren Commission - List of Commission Exhibits from which Exhibits were taken"
7. "Warren Commission - Preliminary Inventory"

G. Warren Commission - Reference File

1. "Reference - FRC's Assistance in Investigation of Kennedy Assassination"

H. Warren Commission - Review Files

1. Arranged by agencies of origin
2. Classified documents

I. Accession dossiers - RG 272, Records of the Warren Commission.

1. NN-365-34. Appraisal report and documentation, Records of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy
2. NN-365-121. Transfer of depositions from Assistant U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Texas
3. NN-365-129. Transfer of Edgewood Arsenal report on ballistics and of depositions from U.S. Attorney, Southern District of California.
4. NNL-370-4. Internal transfer from RG 220 to RG 272
5. NN-373-189. Transfer of IRS income tax returns for Lee Harvey Oswald, Marguerite C. Oswald, and Jack Ruby
6. NN-373-221. Donation of Allen Dulles material
7. P&C 065-103. Donation of UPI color motion picture, "The Assassination of President Kennedy"
8. P&C 065-103. Donation of Zapruder camera

J. Accession dossier - RG 200 - Kennedy autopsy materials

1. NN-368-117. Autopsy materials

K. Change of holdings reports

1. NN-365-34. Acquisition of rifle, revolver, holster, etc.
2. NN-366-94. Transfer of State Department documents
3. NN-368-103. Transfer of GPO records
4. Changes of holdings reports, NND

L. General - Branch Chief Files

1. "Warren Commission"
2. "Warren Commission Screening Project"

II. Civil Archives Division Records

- A. Reference request responses, outgoing correspondence, arranged by year.

III. Office of Presidential Libraries Records

- A. "Warren Commission Records, 1965-1971"
- B. "Parkland Hospital, Trauma Room 1"
- C. "Robert F. Kennedy"

IV. Office of the Archivist Records

- A. P&C Case 065-103 - John F. Kennedy Materials