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5/25/92

Dear Mr. Dwyer,

Thank you for your letter of the 18th and the enclosed RG 60 inventory. My interest and the subject of our previous correspondence was and is the recordings of the Dallas police radio broadcasts of the time of the JFK assassination.

I do not recall getting from NARS any adequate response to my refusal to pay for dubs of these recordings because before dumping them and responsibility for them onto NARS the Department of Justice had defrauded me of the free copies I was to have received in my C.A. 78-0322, combined after filing with No. 0420. The FBI and the appeals office kept lying to the court and to me to deny me copies then. When I told the appeals office where they were they either did not look or looked inadequately because they sent me no copies. Then several years later I was written telling me they had been found. They did not where I had told them, but that was one of the places I specified. and even then I was not provided with the copies that were to have been given to me without charge.

Then, as happened within my experience earlier and has happened since, including only recently, the NARS again became the willing front for agencies determined to withhold under FOIA. They pick and chose what they dump on NARS and it is to the best of my knowledge an insignificant percentage of their assassination holdings.

The first time something like this happened that I now recall was 20 or more years ago. The Secret Service had reached an amicable agreement with me to disclose certain records I wanted but not all it had. Once this agreement was reached it was nullified by the Secret Service being required to transfer those holdings to NARS, which promptly refused to abide by that agreement. I'd have had to sue for information that really was non-exempt.

Only this month the CIA did something similar, accompanied by an enormous misrepresentation, that it was thereby disclosing its Oswald file. I have been given copies of what Director Gates dumped onto NARS for his media blitz and there is no new information in it. And one difference to requesters, aside from the additional delay contrived in the name of openness is to multiply the cost 2 1/2 times. Another obvious consequence is that if a FOIA suit is filed the CIA will not be the defendant and NARS will be.

If NARS is willing, as it has to now been, to be a mere utensil for those agencies with a long record of seeking to frustrate FOIA requests and stonewall requesters, that I can do nothing about except to wonder about the political redefinition of scholarship. But for myself, on principle, I will not pay for what I have been gypped out of after having much of my life wasted in court by those who have never been honest with me or with FOIA in my painfully long experiences with them. I cannot sue. If I do not get them free as a matter of right I'll not have those tapes and the archive I leave will reflect why.

Sincerely, Harold Weisberg



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Washington, DC 20408

May 18, 1992

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Frederick, MD 20701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thank you for your letter of April 21, 1992, requesting a status report on the audio recordings relating to the Kennedy assassination made on the Dallas Police radio channels.

We can provide you with audiocassette copies of the following for \$12.75 per recorded hour for each item. Please refer to the enclosed list for individual descriptions.

1. Item 60 JFK.02 Gray Audograph Discs #1-7
2. Item 60 JFK.04 Audiotape, Channel I #1
3. Item 60 JFK.05 Audiotape, Channel I #2
4. Item 60 JFK.06 Audiotape, Channel II

Please let us know which items you are interested in and we will prepare and send you a more exact price estimate.

We are unable to produce new copies of the five original dictabelts on Channel I (Item 60 JFK.01) or the ten channel II dictabelts (Item 60. JFK.03). Our preservation staff has indicated that because over the years the dictabelts have been played so many times, repaired improperly on several occasions, and previously stored, folded flat, under inadequate conditions, that we are unable at this time to rerecord them. We are actively considering the acquisition of specialized equipment and the use of methods of treating the dictabelts to enable us to more easily record them. We do not know when this effort will be completed, but we will keep you informed on our progress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John A. Dwyer".

JOHN A. DWYER
Acting Branch Chief,
Motion Picture, Sound
and Video Branch

PRELIMINARY ACCESSION INVENTORY

RG 60

NN3-60-90-1 Accession of JFK Assassination Records kept by Mr. Robert Keuch, Criminal Division, DOJ and Transferred to NARA, March 1990. No restrictions.

<u>Archives No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Format</u>
60 JFK.01 Belts 1-5	DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT CHANNEL I DICTAPHONE BELT RECORDINGS NOS. 9,10,11,12,13. November 22, 1963.	dictaphone belts

Belt 1 of 5: (#9) 11:29 am -12:05 pm
 *** 2 of 5: (#10) 12:05 am -12:40 pm
 3 of 5: (#11) 12:40 am -1:12 pm
 4 of 5: (#12) 1:12 pm -1:44 pm
 5 of 5: (#13) 1:44 pm -2:16 pm

Accompanying textual material:

1. Copy of memorandum of December 10, 1981 from Roger B. Cabbage, DOJ Criminal Div. to the file and his original notes concerning the FBI copying of the Nov. 22, 1963 Dallas Police Dept. Dictaphone Belt #10.
2. Original letter dated April 7, 1982 from Norman F. Ramsey, Professor of Physics, Harvard University to Robert Cabbage, DOJ, enclosing two 8x10 color prints of each side of Belt #10 before it was cleaned by scientists prior to being played & recorded

60 JFK.02 Discs 1-7	DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT CHANNEL II GRAY AUDIOGRAPH DISC RECORDINGS FROM November 22, 1963.	8"diam. discs
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Disc 1 of 7: 10:00 am - 12:03 pm
 2 of 7: 12:03 pm - 12:48 pm
 3 of 7: 12:48 pm - 2:39 pm
 4 of 7: 2:39 pm - 4:09 pm
 5 of 7: 4:09 pm - 5:12 PM
 6 of 7: 10:20 pm (only notation)
 7 of 7: no date "2nd" 6:30 am &
 1:57 pm, 2 bandwidths on disc.

NOTE: Envelope containing recordings indicates "10 am - 2:39 pm on 11-22-63, CH. 2, Dallas Police Dispatcher was Sgt. G.D. Henslee" and notes that "shooting Pres. 12:31 pm on Channel

II" and "shooting of officer 1:18 pm on Channel I".

60 JFK.03	DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT CHANNEL II DICTAPHONE BELTS NOS. 1-10. Nov. 24, 1963. 6:10 am - 2:26 pm.	Belts 1-10
60 JFK.04	DALLAS POLICE RADIO AUDIOTAPE, CH. I (Record #1). Nov. 22, 1963. 9:45 am - 2:15 pm. Counter 001-1800. JFK item #007415.	7" reel acetate
60 JFK.05	DALLAS POLICE RADIO AUDIOTAPE, CH I (Record #2). Nov. 22, 1963. 9:45 am - 2:15 pm. Counter 1800-3180. <u>Notation</u> on tape box says "12:28 pm to 12:34 pm - nothing but noise". JFK item #007416.	7" reel acetate
60 JFK.06	DALLAS POLICE RADIO CHANNEL 2. Nov. 22, 1963. 10:00 am - 5:12 pm. <u>Notation</u> on box says: "short recording timed 10:20 pm 11-22-63".	5" reel mylar 3.75
60 JFK.07	SOUND TAPE OF THE OSWALD SHOOTING RECEIVED FROM WFAA RADIO STATION, MR. ROBERT THORTON. Received from Lt. P.C. McCaghren on December 6, 1963. Exhibit #99-A.	5" reel acetate

Additional textual items received with accession:

Copy of A G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, letter dated March 18, 1979 to Mrs. Mary Moorman regarding her photograph of Presidential limo and grassy knoll being retained for analysis.

Original receipt of Newton Pendergraph, Clerk of U.S. House of Representatives, dated May 7, 1981, acknowledging receipt of Moorman polaroid photo from DOJ.

Copy of receipt from Robert Keuch, DOJ, dated March 30, 1979, for items received from House Select Committee on Assassinations. Receipt lists as received: original of Moorman photo; 3 dictabelts #007418,007417; and four audiotapes - the 3 Dallas police radio tapes, ch. I & II, and sound tape of Oswald shooting from WFAA, Mr. Robert Thorton.

Copy of letter from Edmund Henshaw, Clerk, U.S. House of Representative dated April 30, 1981 to Mr. Robert Keuch,

Criminal Division, DOJ requesting return of Moorman
photograph from DOJ to Ms. Mary Ann Bartoni (Moorman).

This list represents the entire contents of the accession as
transferred from DOJ to NARA.

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