



REFERENCE REPORT

INQUIRY: Warren Commission Records Made Available in 1983

Report: The following is a list of previously restricted records made available for research in 1983. The documents are among the Records of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy.

Commission Document 7, p. 481 and 482 (2 p.)

CD 874 (7 p.)

Transmittal letter of CD 1084 (2 p.)

Page 47 of Edgewood Arsenal report on Wound Ballistics of 6.5 mm. Mannlicher-Carcano Ammunition

Letter of Congressman Hale Boggs to Lee Rankin of May 15, 1964, transmitting a Louisiana State Police report concerning General Edward Walker (deletions; 2 p.)

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Dear Paul,

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I've received an undated memo from Marion Johnson reporting the availability of a couple of pages in 1983, for which there is the minimum charge of \$5.00 that I find unreasonable and thus am refusing to pay. If you get those pages and there is anything of interest in them, please let me know. The content if originally classified could be interesting, particularly if no reasonable basis for classification is apparent.

They've been making money on our noninterest bearing deposits for many years, so I think I'll ask for its return because on principle I'll not be paying 35¢ a page for xerox copies. Even though they may later argue that there is a lack of interest based on our responses.

Nothing really new. If I haven't told you, and I now tell you in confidence only for personal and essentially political reasons, some weeks ago the ACLU agreed to represent me and the Mader law group agreed to represent Jim (Because, as I'd felt all along) the ACLU believed we should have separate counsel. They have not been in touch with, not even to inform me or ask me to sign an agreement, so I feel I had best preserve silence on this. I don't know what reasons the ACLU had in deciding that Jim and I need separate counsel, but I saw a potential conflict in his advising me to make some kind of gesture at complying with the phony "discovery" Order the FBI/DJ got from Judge Smith and my resolute refusal to do so.

Jim had been away for a while and I did not hear from him until yesterday or the day before. He had not had time to hear from them and was going to speak to them. He was to call me if there was anything I should know.

This relates to the field offices case 78-0322/0420 consolidated, on appeal.

Earlier I'd written Jim telling him that I am content for the ACLU to handle the case as it may like but that I'd like to have some input. And that I hoped for a vigorous, non-defensive handling, in the interest of FOIA. He had not told them and in this conversation he said he'd read them my letter when he phoned them.

I've made a more than adequate record but it is extensive and most lawyers seem to decide in advance how they'll limit themselves, so I have no idea what they will go into. My own view is that because the government lies about everything it is necessary to be inclusive, if only on some matters in conclusive statements that at least dispute them. Otherwise, as they have in the past, they may prevail on some ignored lies.

Best,