

Draft of answer to Kelley's 8/6/75

There is as direct a contradiction as can be between your letter of August 6 and what I told you the Archives wrote me.

I could raise other questions about this, such as your agreement to give them to me years ago and then electing a way not required, which had the effect of denying them to me. However, I had then given my word and I did keep it.

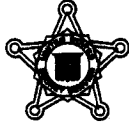
This can develop as I would like to believe neither of us prefers.

I note, for example, that you do not tell me that the Secret Service does not have copies of these ~~quantities~~ documents. I also note that the law requires an agency that considers another is the agency of paramount interest to forward any such request to the second agency which will then consider it as a request filed directly with it.

For the moment I will, in an effort to avoid problems, amend the request ~~as follows~~ to ~~submit~~ records of ^{and/or relating to} the transfer of those documents I requested to this unidentified other "federal agency." To this I will add a request for a copy of that record which designates this unidentified agency as the "repository of the documents in question."

If you decline this I ask that you forward the letters ~~as~~ to the designated FOIA officer and that they be considered my request under the FOIA.

Note to JL; read his letter carefully. The wording is tricky. It comes close to lying. The Navy ought have copies. Evelyn Lincoln was not an Archives representative than but was of the library. If the Archives has transferred its copies to the library, it is still under the ~~its~~ archives.



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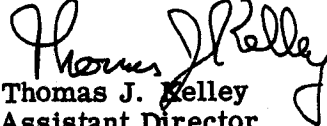
Dear Mr. Weisberg:

In reply to your letter of August 2, 1975, I can only assure you that a review of our file discloses that we do not have copies of the documents you requested.

As you know the documents were included in those documents which were transferred to Mrs. Lincoln at the National Archives on April 26, 1965.

I know of no requirement that made it necessary for the Secret Service to maintain copies of these documents which were referred to another federal agency which is the designated repository of the documents in question; nor does the Secret Service have any information concerning any other agency which might have copies of the documents.

Very truly yours,


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