

6/19/71

MEMO OF TRANSFER MEMO

Dear Bud,

Here is the memo you asked for Thursday. I will be preparing it from my card file on these things, this official correspondence, not from going over the extensive files themselves. It should answer your request for a chronological statement only. The summary was prepared from my files by Howard Roffman.

Before I forget, I suggest that Gesell's decision of last night was made with the detailed and documented background I had provided in the clothing/pix suit, which certainly detailed to him both the effort to suppress and official duplicity.

The first item on memo of transfer is not listed because it is not in the form of a letter. It was about January 21, 1968, when I phoned Marion Johnson from New Orleans to ask for a copy of the memo. I have a note on this of which you have a copy. It was the beginning of the week after the Thursday night on which you got the papers they released in Louisiana v. Shaw.

2/28/68 I wrote I had been 3 weeks since I was assured of response. Why the delay? Says because memo is inconsistent with official statements and asks Arch to disprove.

3/23 Has been six weeks since response was promised. I again ask for memo and explanation of denial.

(On the day of the second hearing I asked Arch about this in the courtroom and he said I'd be hearing soon. I didn't)

4/4 Archives wrote the memo had been left in the Arch for safekeeping and is private paper. Contact Burke Marshall for permission to see.

4/6 I wrote I had been denied memo for two months after it was promised plus reason for it. (Apparently written before receipt of 4/4)

4/7 It took 82 days to say memo was 'private paper'? Send me a copy of the government's copy, not that of the K family, and all pertinent records (or assurances there are no such records). Claim of "private paper" contradicts 2 court affidavits.

5/27 I renew request for memo saying that since it was surrendered (?) by government when used by panel and lost 'private paper' status.

7/14 Have been officially informed that Arch has federal copy of this memo. Ask for copy by return mail (Bud- the Secret Service gave me a copy through the Arch, which would not do it.)

8/15 Copy of SS copy of memo which was given by it asked again.

10/31 Arch says have "carefully reviewed and considered the points outlined in your letter" re memo. Affirms previous advice that memo is not US property but belongs to the JFK family. Cannot make available.

11/4 I specifically do not want K family copy. Want copy of government copy and copy was provided by SS. It is not a private paper. If denied, want specific and unambiguous denial.

3/15/70 Want to know if Arch has government copy of memo and documents relevant to it. If necessary, will carry further.

4/24 Refers to papers received by Arch from SS but not sent me (ref to memo of transfer but letters not specific in so stating).

8/19 Arch has copy of govt copy. Withhold under 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(6), invasion personal privacy, they say.

11/10 Give list of ~~requests~~ requests for memo transfer. (Letter to GSA director (?)) Appeal from decision to deny. Wants copy of govt copy, with attachments. Wants reply as soon as possible. If you deny, please forward through remaining channels of appeal.

11/20- above letter acknowledged.

12/8, from Asst Adm. Administration. appeal denied used 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(6). Will reconsider on word from K family.

MEMO TRANSFER- Requests of Secret Service

- 6/2/69 Asks for copy because it is agency of origin. If refused, asks why, send forms for making formal request under 5 U.S.C. 552
- 7/11 SS says that since Arch is official repository, request has been forwarded there.
- 7/14 I renew request and if denied explanations and FBI forms.
- 2/17/70 Renew requests for memo and related documents.
- 11/10- Kelley on contacting Justice-apparently my memo on conversation with K.
- 11/20 Gives Kelley history of requests
- 1/2/71 Sent enclosures probably re efforts to get memo (?)

Requests of Justice

- 3/30/69 Requests memo and asks no delays.
- 7/6 Enclose copy letter to Rhoads. Want written statement clearly telling why memo is withheld if they will not supply copy.
- 4/10/70 Sends letter from Rhoads and reply re memo, denial and requests. Asks DJ to read carefully and "think about their content"
- 6/2/69 Renews requests for memo and says that since it was used by panel it cannot be withheld.

As I said, the foregoing is from the card index to this correspondence. It is incomplete if it reflects all the correspondence. I think Justice did reject request and I think I appealed, but it is even better if there were no responses, is it not? How what the correspondence files do not show is that when I pushed Kelley for it and said that under the law I must apply to the agency of origin and must file against them in the current DJ interpretation, I'd sue them if they didn't give it to me, they sent all their copies to the Archives. He told me so in person.

I'll be in Wednesday.

HW