

March 3, 1967

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in reply to your letters dated January 16 and February 18, 1967, as well as your two letters dated January 10 and 11, 1967, addressed to Mr. Marion Johnson concerning certain items of Warren Commission records.

Copies of all items available for research that have been located for which you request copies have now been furnished to you or will be mailed to you. The following items are not in relevant files among the Commission's records: (1) the search warrants for Oswald's property, (2) a complete list of photographers, films, or interviews with photographers relating to the assassination, (3) the correspondence of Lyndal L. Shaneyfelt with Philip Willis. If you will furnish the exhibit number for the report of Agent Vial regarding Lt. Martello, we will furnish you a copy of it.

There is a copy of one of the two Moorman pictures but not of the other Moorman picture or of the Betzner pictures in these records. No correspondence concerning the return of the Betzner pictures has been found. CD 106 (page 279) states that Mr. Betzner made available a negative roll of film to the FBI which was returned to him after it was developed. We have enclosed one additional copy of the Federal Register of November 1, 1966, as you requested. The two reports in CD 486 to which you refer are still withheld from research.

We can search for relevant records if you will furnish names or other specific information concerning (1) people who took pictures at the time of the assassination and were interviewed by the Dallas Police but not by Federal agents and (2) film and tape made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation at and near the assassination, in the hospital, at the scene of the Oswald murder, and of interviews.

CD 4 (page 6) and CD 1066 (page 63) state that films taken by George Phenix and Thomas Alyea were furnished to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. These films are not in the National Archives. There are no copies of records relating to pictures taken by Ron Reiland filed under his name. Pictures taken by him are not in the National Archives.

Is Aubrey Lewis Exhibit 1 the kind of a police "mug" photograph of Oswald in which you are interested? Federal Bureau of Investigation Exhibit D-84 consists of three photographs relating to the arrest of Oswald taken by Stuart Reed. These are the only photographs in color relating to the arrest of Oswald in the National Archives. The Hill exhibits are not in color.

Copies of reports relating to David Ferrie that are available for research are being mailed to you. We can furnish copies of six pages (CD 205, p. 211-213 and 221-223) relating to Jack Lawrence if you want them.

A copy of the list of Commission Documents has been mailed to Mr. Penn Jones, Jr., by air parcel post.

Copies of the reports relating to Thomas Dillard will be mailed to you. The report relating to Father McChann, however, are documents or parts of documents that are withheld from research. We regret that we indicated inadvertently that they were available. You can, if you wish, request permission from the agency of origin of these documents for access to them by writing to the head of the agency, identifying yourself, and stating the purpose for which you are requesting access.

The page reference to Thomas Dillard's testimony in our letter should have been page 164 of volume VI of the Hearings. No copies of records concerning the furnishing of the photograph taken toward the Triple Underpass by Mr. Dillard are filed under his name. The photograph is not in the National Archives. The words "referring to telegram" appear in the line of typing of the typescript of Mrs. Helen Markham's testimony.

CD 399, other bullets, bullet fragments, and the parking lot jacket will be made available to you for visual inspection in the National Archives.

The following records concerning which you inquire are not in the National Archives: original autopsy notes, spectrographic analysis, two original copies of the Zapruder film, and photographs and arrest records referred to in CD 1553 and other photographs referred to in your letters in this connection.

According to a letter from the FBI to the Commission, a letter of April 21, 1964, of which you have a copy, 169 slides made from the Zapruder film were received by the FBI from Life for the Commission. These slides compose CD 858, which you have seen. No other frames from the Zapruder film except those in these slides (frames 171-207 and 212-343) are known to have been furnished to the Commission by Life.

We have the curbstone or section of concrete curbing from Dallas.

No copies of records are filed under the name of Colonel L. Robert Caster, Castor, or Castorr. There are a few items for Berry J. Caster and Warren Caster.

We have located the letters relating to the request of the Commission to the Attorney General of Texas that no changes be made in the scene of the assassination. Copies will be furnished to you if you want them.

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Bahmer
Archivist of the United States

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Enclosure