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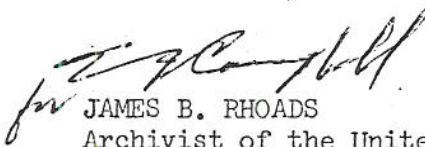
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SUBJECT: Weisberg Correspondence

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Room G 36  
GSA Building

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*for*   
JAMES B. RHOADS  
Archivist of the United States

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October 9, 1970

Mr. Harold Weisberg  
Coq d'Or Press  
Route 8  
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in reply to your letter of September 15, 1970, to me and to your letter of September 19, 1970, to the Director of Public Affairs of GSA.

At no time have we told you that the exhibit files of the Warren Commission "contain only lithographic pictures, that is, those with the dots essential in the reproduction process." No dots were removed from the enlargement of a portion of Commission Exhibit 394 that we sent you because there were no dots in the print of CE 394 from which the negative was made.

I hope that this will remove any misunderstanding that may have existed. If you are interested in obtaining a further enlargement of the bullet hole in the particular photograph of President Kennedy's shirt which is published as Commission Exhibit 394, we will attempt to make this enlargement. In the Addendum to the Complaint you have filed in your suit, you state in reference to FBI Exhibit 60 in Commission Document 107, "The Department of Justice has given Plaintiff prints of such pictures which are of the kind which permit enlargement without distortion." If you will send us the print or prints you received from the Department of Justice, we can prepare enlargements of these photographs of President Kennedy's clothing according to your specifications. You can, of course, obtain any enlargements you may want from a private photographer.

Sincerely,

JAMES B. RHODAS  
Archivist of the United States

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Dr. Herbert E. Angel  
The National Archives  
Washington, D.C. 20408

Dear Dr. Angel,

Although your letter of September 11, which arrived this morning with an enclosed enlargement of part of CE 394 and two pages of CE 1414 makes no reference to it, I presume you know I filed Civil Action No. 2569-70.

I have no way of knowing that the files of the Warren Commission contain other references to Ronnie Caire, but I do know they should. Mr. Caire claims to have been interrogated for 100 hours. While you have consistently refused to do this in the past, I request that you ask the FBI to provide copies of their relevant reports. Unless you do this, you guarantee the inadequacy of the official archive on the murder of a President.

The print that you sent is valueless on several counts. Despite your contrary pretenses, you persist in making available for use only pictures that can be used for nothing but undignified and sensational purposes, pictures that show nothing but gore. This, I repeat, is not my interest. It is also perhaps the most indistinct such print I have ever seen.

You say of it only that it "was made from a negative which ~~we~~ prepared from a print in the exhibit files of the Warren Commission." You have previously assured me that these files contain only lithographic pictures, that is, those with the dots essential in the reproduction process. In addition, the exhibit files are the reproduction files. Therefore, on both counts, unless you have done what I presume you have, this print should contain such dots and it does not. These dots, called a screen, can be removed by offset equipment, but in so doing, several extra steps are involved, some cost, and lack of clarity is an inevitable consequence.

My exclusive interest is evidence. This picture is totally valueless as evidence, for it makes impossible even the certainty of the outlines of the hole. Were I to try and trace this hole, even that would be impossible.

Why you have clear pictures you cannot deny me without violation of the law, and especially after I have gone to court, with all that considerable trouble and expense, I regards this as a particularly shoddy and unbecoming trick. Having had the benefit of your dissertation on who is wasting time for whom, I resent this even more. However, I do welcome it as an exhibit to display in court.

I note your change in rates. I presume that when you provide those pictures I ordered before inflation also assailed research, the rate at which I will be charged is that prevailing at the time of the original order.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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REMARKS:

Letter dated September 19, 1970, from Harold Weisberg is enclosed per your request.

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September 19, 1970

Mr. Robert Q. Vawter, Director of Public Affairs  
General Services Administration  
Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Mr. Vawter,

Because of what is in no way reflected in your letter of September 17, the fact that I have filed a civil action in the matter, I make immediate response, your letter having just arrived.

First, I believe delaying any response to an appeal for three months is to make a farce of any appeals mechanism, especially when public information and writing is involved, and most of all when the subject is the assassination of a President and its official investigation. In addition, I believe it violates the spirit and intent of the law, if not its letter.

However, because there was no response, I was forced to file this suit. It sets forth what I seek and want, what I think I am entitled to have. Your letter appears to me to have been written for the making of a record to which there might later be reference, whether or not the record is faithful, accurate or complete.

As you must realize, I delayed the filing of this suit for a long time. My unsuccessful efforts to obtain what it seeks are of longer and, to me, costly duration. Nonetheless, because my purposes are meaningful research (the way I, not the government, conceive it) and publishing, not the embarrassment of the government, I would be happy to move dismissal of the suit once its purposes are accomplished. They are not as set forth in your letter. If this is not done, I will proceed with the action. I have been more than patient in the face of the most transparent delaying devices and interferences with my ability to research and write. While I have no desire to embarrass the government in court, I have even less desire to be party to any further delays. The decision will be the government's and I hope it will be communicated to me expeditiously.

It is pretty conspicuous that your letter was not written in the normal course of events. It was written after I filed this suit and after my recent letter to the National Archives dealing with one picture, to which there has not yet been response. If you or whoever will make the decision, if any, have not read it, I suggest this be done. I will not accept any picture with screen nor any made from one with screen.

If you should prefer an amicable settlement of this matter, I suggest it may be more readily accomplished if self-serving and deceptive letters (whether or not so intended or even understood by you) are dispensed with.

Sincerely,

  
Harold Weisberg