

August 13, 1971

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in reply to your letters of July 17 and 20, 1971.

The photographs of President Kennedy's clothing which we provide to researchers are copies of photographs which are among the official records of the Warren Commission. The terms of the letter agreement with the Kennedy family do not apply to them but only to photographs which might be made after the clothing came into our custody.

The information and copies of regulations which we sent you was in response to your request for regulations "in any way relevant to any use of the Warren Commission materials of whatever character, origin, or description." We believe we have answered your request. We are not in a position to advise you concerning your request for "any and all rules, regulations, interpretations or any other things, such as definitions of records, required by me to properly and fully pursue my interests in obtaining what I regard as public information." As this request is in the nature of a request for legal advice, you may wish to consult an attorney.

The executive order involved in the withholding of the transcripts of executive sessions of the Commission under the terms of 5 U.S.C. 552, subsection (b) (1), is Executive Order 10501 (18 F.R. 7049). The privacy of staff members or potential staff members of the Commission would be violated by the release of the transcripts and portions of transcripts withheld under the terms of 5 U.S.C. 552, subsection (b) (6).

Concerning subsection (b) (7), the purpose of the Commission's investigation was to obtain all possible information concerning the assassination of President Kennedy and the killing of

Lee Harvey Oswald. If any violations of Federal law had been found by the Commission, the information could have been used for law enforcement purposes in the prosecution of the offenders. The full language of this subsection was considered in our letter to you of June 21, 1971.

Sincerely,

JAMES B. RHOADS
Archivist of the United States

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