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Dear Mr. Wilson:

Because this relates to a prior request on which there has been partial compliance, I expect a prompt response and not the shunting of this request to the bottom of your stack.

In a prior letter to which you have not yet responded, I referred to the apparent absence from the 1466 pages you provided of certain documents relating to Lee Harvey Oswald. Because of the manner in which these pages were stapled together, without examination of each page within each group, it was not apparent that the pages were stapled in reverse numerical order.

This request relates to all of those documents. To illustrate the point I will use examples from two assembled groups only.

There has been injudicious, unnecessary, even laughable, masking. Recently federal courts have held that when there is such masking there is no blanket authority for it and the masking must be justified.

In what is described as the cables to and from the Mexico City station the masking includes that for which there is not in my belief either need or sanction. It includes well-known names. It includes the CIA version of what was not masked by the FBI, what is and has been readily available. It includes the names of well-known, even self-identified CIA employees where the absence of the actual names leads inevitably to distortion and misrepresentation. (This also is true in other instances.) It is possible to allege that this was done with political purposes in mind. That it was done at all leads to this result.

In the case of the memorandum prepared for the Rockefeller Commission, one about which I wrote you at the time of David C. Martin's story for Associated Press, there is masking that in some cases leads to a wrongful interpretation. There also is selectiveness in interpretation in that document and in what was selected from the files to be interpreted.

There is the elimination from what is called an analysis that makes it a political rather than an analytical document. There is a stated incompleteness. There is reference to what is not attached or included and is essential for comprehension and a determination of whether a) stated conclusions and suggestions are justified and b) whether others are justified and not stated or included.

I therefore ask for all of the raw material relative to the purposes of this memo whether or not provided to the Rockefeller Commission.

This documents refers to a request from Mr. David Belin that is not included. It also says it is limited to his request called "3". If Mr. Belin's request is included elsewhere in these hundreds of pages and if all of the relevant material is also included, I ask for a reference to them. If they are not I ask for all of Mr. Belin's Commission's requests and all relevant material whether or not supplied the Rockefeller Commission.

My reading of what clearly is Mr. Rocca's memorandum tells me that, whereas he is supposed to have resigned or retired during the Watergate period, he here is identified as a "staff employee." His so-called analysis includes no CIA evidence or any other proof that Lee Harvey Oswald killed President Kennedy. Without this proof there can be relevance only if there had been a conspiracy to kill the President. There is no content to indicate the existence of either kind of evidence or even reason to believe assumptions in either direction. In the absence of CIA proof that Oswald did in fact do the killing and in the absence of proof that there was a conspiracy to commit this murder, the memo is not an analysis but a work of propaganda.

Among the many possible illustrations there is a very special interpretation of the Harker-Associated Press story.

I therefore mean this request to include any and all material in any way relevant to the ostensible purpose of this memo whether or not used in it and regardless of original source.

My examination of the attachments to Mr. Rocca's memo relating to the Zapruder film discloses that they do not include all CIA materials relevant to this film and I therefore mean this to encompass all such CIA material including but not limited to CIA use of this film, this not restricted to or in the interest of or on behalf of the Warren Commission.

I have used the file of cables and the Rocca memo as illustrations. I mean this request to apply to all the materials in any way relevant to what is released, as it relates to masking and to materials not included in what is released. I believe that this means a nonselective, nonpropaganda, inclusive release that for practical purposes covers all materials in any way relevant to the assassination of President Kennedy, regardless of origin.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg