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Mr. Macei
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Dear Mr. Macei:

I enclose a copy of the January 22, 1964 Warren Commission executive session transcript which I mentioned yesterday during the visit Harold Weisberg and I paid your office.

When I read Mr. Rowan's column stating that under the Freedom of Information Act we get little for our money except a Washington party where we can tell people what the FBI or CIA has in its file about us, I immediately thought of this document and the transcript of the January 27, 1964 Warren Commission executive session, both of which were released as a consequence of Mr. Weisberg's suit under the Freedom of Information Act.

The enclosed transcript is a horrifying document, but it is difficult to overstate its importance. Among other things, I submit that it conclusively resolves the much-debated question of whether or not the Warren Commission engaged in a coverup. From this transcript alone it is clear that it did, and that its members felt compelled to engage in a coverup because they did not dare challenge J. Edgar Hoover's FBI.

The January 22nd transcript was typed up from stenotypist's notes more than a decade after the executive session was held. This accounts for some misspellings and omitted words and sentences. The transcript frequently refers to J. Lee Rankin, the Warren Commission's General Counsel, as "Rawkin." At places it drops the names of the members of the commission and simply uses "A" and "Q" in a manner which is confusing to those not familiar with the Commission. If you would like, Harold Weisberg and I would be glad to arrange some-time to go over this transcript with you and make these things clear.

I am also enclosing three other documents we mentioned to you today, two FBI records which reflect the Bureau's unceasing efforts to keep Weisberg from getting records under the Freedom of Information Act, and to harm him when he did, and the FBI's effort to waste the taxpayers' money by censoring the name of FBI fingerprint expert George Bonebrake ten times in a single news article which, at the time it was censored, had been yesterday's news for

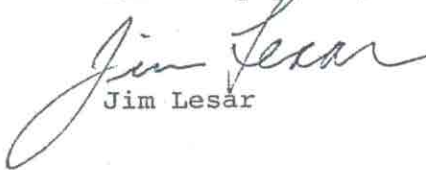
more than ten years.

I will send the other document Mr. Weisberg mentioned, the Civil Rights Division memorandum on the FBI's campaign against Dr. King, tomorrow, when I have time to xerox it.

One final remark: Mr. Rowan was quite right in asserting that the FBI's recent release of 40,000 pages on the JFK assassination was designed to misinform and confuse the public. On December 20th I filed suit for Mr. Weisberg in an attempt to minimize this damage when the next 40,000 pages is released. If you are interested, Mr. Weisberg could provide you with a number of specifics showing how the press was manipulated by the FBI by this gargantuan release, to the detriment of a true and clear understanding of what the FBI's files on the JFK assassination really show.

With appreciation for your courtesy in listening to us,

Sincerely yours,



Jim Lesar