

Dear Mr. Sherry,

9/12/80

Delay in responding to your letter of the 26th comes from your having an old address. Our area has had postal renumbering four times, twice since it was Route 8. We now have the street number indicated on the enclosed order form in the event you want the books we've published since our address was Rt. 8.

The response to your inquiry by the Archives was correct but incomplete. It is true that records of the Congress are sequestered for 50 years. They are not available under FOIA because when Congress passed the law they left themselves out. And the House volumes are available from the GPO only.

The committee originally intended to support the official mythology to the degree possible and to put all critics down. When the analysis of the police tape backfired they used it to escape bankruptcy. The net result, aided by the uncritical support of the so-called critical community, makes another investigation unlikely at least in the future as far as reasonable people can see. And if we have that kind, who wants or needs it?

There is no Index of Basic Source Materials. There is a list and the Archives used to make it available. I've already deposited my copy, where all my records will go, Univ. Wisconsin, Stevens Point Branch. It includes the CDs only, not the unnumbered records.

Good luck in your studies.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

Eric Stuart Sherby
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Aug. 26, 1980

Mr. Harold Weisberg,
Publisher
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Frederick, MD 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

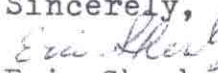
I am a college student who has spent several years doing research on the Assassination of President Kennedy. The first book I ever owned or read about the assassination was WHITEWASH, and subsequently, I have read much of your other works.

Recently, I began devoting my attention to the investigation of the House Select Committee On Assassinations. Enclosed is a copy of a letter I sent to Mr. Marion M. Johnson of the National Archives, regarding my request for materials of the House Committee. I have also enclosed a copy of the answer I received from Mr. George P. Perros. The reason I have sent this to you is that I see here a similarity to your own case described in WHITEWASH IV. I was wondering if you could send me your comments on this, and whether or not you think the Freedom of Information Act could be used to obtain this information.

Also, I would be interested in your general views of the House Committee, and whether or not you think that there is a future for further investigation.

I thank you in advance for your time and effort, and I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

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New York, NY
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Sincerely,

Eric Sherby

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June 16, 1980

Mr. Marion M. Johnson
National Archives Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am a college student who has spent several months researching the assassination of President Kennedy. I have done much research on the Warren Commission and the House Select Committee on Assassinations. I am writing this letter to you because I know that you are in charge of the material related to the Warren Commission at the National Archives. Therefore, I thought that the material related to the House investigation into the Kennedy murder would also be under your charge. I have several questions about what exactly is available for public sight or possession.

Are the following available to the public:

- 1) A chronological list of all committee (or sub-committee or special panel) meetings, either public or private?
- 2) Transcripts of any or all Committee Executive Sessions?
- 3) Copies of reports of various committee panels?
- 4) Transcripts of meetings of committee panels?
- 5) Intra-committee memoranda and other official business?

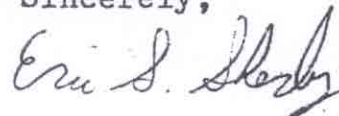
Also, in regard to the volumes of hearings and testimony of the House Committee, does the entire set have to be bought, or can sections of it be purchased? If I was mistaken in assuming that these matters were under your charge, could you please forward this letter to whoever is

in charge of them. If this is not possible, I would appreciate it if you could send me that person's name, title, and address, so that I may get in touch with him.

Furthermore, I would appreciate information on two publications dealing solely with Warren Commission material; the Preliminary Inventory of the Records of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, and the Index of Basic Source Materials.

I thank you in advance for all your time and effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric S. Sherby". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Eric S. Sherby



General Services Administration National Archives
and
Records Service Washington, DC 20408

Date : July 10, 1980

Reply to :
Attn of : NNFN

Subject: Records of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, 95th Congress

To :
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This is in response to your question about the availability of the transcripts of the executive sessions of the Select Committee on Assassinations, along with other categories of its unpublished documents listed in your letter. The unpublished records of the select committee are closed to the public under the rules of the House of Representatives.

To obtain the answer to your other question, whether the publications of the select committee are sold only in complete sets, or whether one can buy particular parts of them, you should write to the Government Printing Office, North Capitol Street between G and H Streets, N.W., Washington, DC 20402.

George P. Perros

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