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Mr. Wa. J. Bacherman, FOIA/PA Officer
U.S. Secret Service
Washington, D.C. 20223

12/31/79

Dear Mr. Bacherman,

Your letter of the 13th is neither accurate nor complete nor fully responsive. If you consulted your files this is deliberate. If you did not it is irresponsible.

You refer only to my JFK assassination records requests. I also filed a PA request and appealed denials.

You refer only to requests under the amended FOIA. My request, and in particular my all-inclusive JFK assassinations records request, was much earlier.

I would much prefer compliance amicably, as I would hope the Secret Service would prefer. However, this kind of letter is not designed to eliminate problems but to create them. So I ask for a full and accurate response, not evasions and misrepresentations.

With regard to the PA request, the FBI has disclosed records copies of which it provided the Secret Service. If, the Secret Service, did not provide them to me. These include the total fabrication that the Secret Service was conspiring with me to defame the FBI. This is neither true nor anything I ever said to anyone, least of all to the penny character only partly hidden in the FBI's disclosure. Shame on the Secret Service if it believed it and did not realize what was a fact and more shame if it was afraid to check the nonsense out but instead believed it, as its subsequent record indicates.

My requests were of the Secret Service about eight years before this reported transfer of records to the Archives. (You do not say all copies of all records.) I expect compliance from the Secret Service. And of course this does not relate to my PA request.

Under PA I have the right to file correcting statements. Without copies of all relevant records this is impossible and you are denying me my rights. This will have been compounded if you made any releases of these defamations and inaccuracies.

I herewith renew my PA request. This means for all copies of all records. In complying with this you should have a complete files and this will also eliminate any possibility of ignorance accounting for letters like that you wrote on the 13th. I mean this to include all records, wherever or however filed and regardless of source.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE



WASHINGTON, D.C. 20223

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR 5066

December 13, 1979

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Reference is made to your latest inquiry dated December 5, 1979.

On May 5, 1978 and July 11, 1978, this office returned several volumes of documents concerning the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, per this request for further access by FOI requesters.

As to your statement concerning denied access to Secret Service documents concerning the assassination of President Kennedy, this office has in fact responded to your requests in accordance with the 1974 amendments to the Freedom of Information Act. It should be noted that on April 29, 1979, the United States Secret Service turned over to the National Archives the Secret Service file on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Requests for access to this file, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, should be addressed to the National Archives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William J. Bacherman".

William J. Bacherman
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Freedom of Information &
Privacy Acts Officer