

Rt. 8, Frederick, Md. 21701  
7/22/76

Mr. Thomas Kelley, Asst. Director  
U.S. Secret Service  
1800 G St., NW  
Washington, D.C.

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Harold Weisberg

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U.S. SECRET SERVICE

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.


April 22, 1965

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Sincerely,

  
Robert F. Kennedy

*My Father  
Burkley*

Vice Adm. George G. Burkley  
Physician to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

cc/Mrs. Evelyn Lincoln

*Entered a true copy  
George G. Burkley  
Apr 22 1965*

*10/15*

April 26, 1965

Mrs. Evelyn Lincoln  
National Archives  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Lincoln:

In accordance with authorization dated April 22, 1965 from Senator Robert F. Kennedy, the items on the attached list relating to the autopsy of the late President John F. Kennedy are herewith transferred to the Archives for your custody, and in accordance with the instructions contained in Senator Kennedy's letter.

Yours sincerely,

*George G. Buckley*  
George G. Buckley  
Vice Admiral, MC, USN  
Physician to the President

Witnesses:

*Richard J. Berwick*  
*Charles J. Pipkin*  
*Edwin E. Druman*

C.R.

TRANSFERRED TO HRS. LINCOLN, NATIONAL ARCHIVES, APRIL 26, 1965

1. One broken basket handle
  2. Envelopes numbered 1 to 13 containing black and white negatives of photographs taken at time of autopsy
  3. 7 envelopes containing 4 x 5 negatives of autopsy material
  4. 5 envelopes containing 4 x 5 exposed film containing no image
  5. 1 roll of exposed film from a color camera entirely black with no image apparent
  6. Envelope containing 8 X-ray negatives 14" x 17"; 6 X-ray negatives 10" x 12"; 12 black and white prints 11" x 14"; 17 black and white prints 14" x 17"; all negatives and prints pertaining to X-rays that were taken at the autopsy
  7. 36 8" x 10" black and white prints - autopsy photos  
37 3 1/2" x 4 1/2" black and white prints - autopsy photos  
27 color positive transparencies 4" x 5"  
1 unexposed piece of color film
  8. 27 4" x 5" color negatives of autopsy photographs  
55 8" x 10" color prints of autopsy photographs
  9. 1 plastic box 9" x 6 1/2" x 1" containing paraffin blocks of tissue sections  
1 plastic box containing paraffin blocks of tissue sections plus 35 slides  
A third box containing 84 slides  
1 stainless steel container 7" in diameter x 8" containing gross material  
3 wooden boxes, each 7" x 3 1/2" x 1 1/4", containing 56 slides-- blood spears taken at various times during life  
Complete autopsy protocol of President Kennedy (orig. & 7 cc's) - Original signed by Dr. Humes, pathologist  
Letter of transmittal of autopsy report (orig. & 1 cc)
- Office Memorandum from James K. Fox to SAIC Borek Nov. 29, 1963, concerning the processing of film in the presence of Lt. (jg) V. Madonia, USN (orig. & 2 ccs)
- Orig. memo from Lt. Madonia to J. K. Fox, U. S. Secret Service, White House, Special Officer, dated Nov. 29, 1963, concerning receipt of certain films and prints and the processing thereof (orig. & 1 cc)

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Certificate of destruction of preliminary draft notes on protocol of autopsy (1 cc signed by Dr. J. J. Hayes)

Orig. 5 1 cc and one xerox reproduction of memo from Comdr. John H. Fiercola, M.C., U.S.N., Acting Chief of Radiology, to Roy H. Kellerman, ASAIC, U. S. Secret Service, regarding X-ray films dated 11-22-63.

Therofax reproduction of memo from Francis X. O'Neill Jr., Agent FBI, and James W. Sibert to Capt. J. H. Stover, Commanding Officer, USN Medical School, regarding receipt of missile, dated 11-22-63.

✓ 1cc of letter dated Dec. 5, 1963 from SAIC Pouch to Capt. J. H. Stover, Jr., MC, USN, concerning graphic film holders.

1 page memo from Captain Stover, MC, USN, Nov. 22, 1963 to Roy H. Kellerman concerning receipt of photographic material.

*George G. Burkley*  
George G. Burkley  
Vice Admiral, MC, USN  
Physician to the President

Witnesses:

*Robert J. Bruck*  
*Charles J. Miller*  
*Earl E. Rucker*

Received April 26, 1965 in Room 409, National Archives, Washington, D.C. from Dr. Burkley and Robert Bruck.

*Cheryl Rucker*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

U. S. Secret Service

*SAIC*  
*Of Mr. [unclear]*

TO : Chief

DATE: Apr. 26, 1965

FROM : SAIC Bouck - PRS

FILE: CO-2-34,050

SUBJECT: Transfer of Material - Assassination of President Kennedy

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On April 22, 1965 Senator Robert F. Kennedy forwarded a letter to Dr. Burkley requesting that these items be transferred to the custody of Mrs. Evelyn Lincoln at the National Archives. A copy of the letter is attached.

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*Robert I. Bouck*

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Special Agent in Charge

Approved:

*Thomas J. Kelley*  
~~Elliott C. Thacker~~ *for Inspector Thacker*  
Inspector



F. KENNEDY  
NEW YORK

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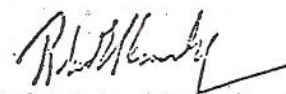
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*Certified a true copy  
George G. Burkley  
Apr 22 1965*

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July 30, 1975

Mr. Harold Weisberg  
Austria  
Pikesville, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 22, 1975, requesting certain documents contained in a memorandum of transfer from the United States Secret Service to Mrs. Evelyn Lincoln, National Archives, dated April 26, 1965.

As you are aware, materials acquired by the United States Secret Service relating to the assassination of President Kennedy have been sent to the Administrator of General Services for preservation under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe.

In view of the foregoing, it is the position of the Secret Service that the primary custodian of documents relating to the assassination is the National Archives, a component unit of the General Services Administration.

With reference to your request for specific documents between Fox, Bouck and Madonia of November 29, 1963, and December 5, 1963, letter from Bouck to Stover, we wish to inform you that we do not have copies of those documents in our possession.

We trust that the foregoing information will constitute a satisfactory response to your inquiry.

Sincerely,

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Thomas J. Kelley  
Assistant Director

Enclosure

cc: AD-Admin.  
AD-Protective Intelligence  
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U.S. SECRET SERVICE

62 Stat. 795,  
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SEC. 6. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Approved November 2, 1965.

Public Law 89-319

November 2, 1965  
[H. R. 1781]

AN ACT

To amend section 113(a) of title 28, United States Code, to provide that Federal District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina shall be held at Clinton.

U.S. Courts,  
Clinton, N.C.  
62 Stat. 886.

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Approved November 2, 1965.

Public Law 89-320

November 3, 1965  
[H. J. Res. 597]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Providing for the erection of a memorial to the late Doctor Robert H. Goddard, the father of rocketry.

Doctor Robert H.  
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*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the National Aeronautics and Space Administration shall erect in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts an appropriate memorial to the late Doctor Robert H. Goddard, former professor of physics at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, and the father of rocketry.

The memorial shall comprise a sculpture in bronze or other enduring metal and shall symbolize the scientist's role as the pioneer of the space age. It shall be located on the Clark University campus in Worcester, Massachusetts, on a site donated by the Clark trustees adjacent to the Robert Hutchings Goddard Library. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration shall request the advice and comment of the Commission of Fine Arts and consult with Clark University trustees with respect to the design and setting of the memorial.

The memorial shall give appropriate recognition to the pioneering efforts of the late Doctor Goddard in his country's achievements in rocketry and supersonic flight.

Appropriation.

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Approved November 3, 1965, 10:15 p.m.

grant-in-aid in connection with any urban renewal project being undertaken with Federal assistance under title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended.

SEC. 5. As used in this joint resolution, the terms "Agency", "lessee", "purchaser", "real property", "redevelopment", and "redevelopment company" shall have the respective meanings provided for such terms by section 3 of the Redevelopment Act.

Approved November 2, 1965.

59 Stat. 144.  
42 USC 1485-1488.  
60 Stat. 792.  
22 Stat. 1102.  
D.C. Code 2-742.

Public Law 89-318

AN ACT

November 2, 1965  
H. R. 5545

Providing for the acquisition and preservation by the United States of certain items of evidence pertaining to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it is hereby declared that the national interest requires that the United States acquire all right, title, and interest, in and to, certain items of evidence, to be designated by the Attorney General pursuant to section 2 of this Act, which were considered by the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy (hereinafter referred to as "items"), and requires that those items be preserved by the United States.

President John F. Kennedy, assassination, Preservation of evidence.

SEC. 2. (a) The Attorney General is authorized to determine, from time to time, which items should, in conformity with the declaration contained in the first section of this Act, be acquired and preserved by the United States. Each such determination shall be published in the Federal Register.

Determination by Attorney General.

Publication in Federal Register.

(b) Whenever the Attorney General determines that an item should be acquired and preserved by the United States, all right, title, and interest in and to, that item shall be vested in the United States upon the publication of that determination in the Federal Register.

(c) The authority conferred upon the Attorney General by subsection (a) of this section to make determinations shall expire one year from the date of enactment of this Act, and the vesting provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall be valid only with respect to items described in determinations published in the Federal Register within that one-year period.

Authority, expiration date.

SEC. 3. The United States Court of Claims or the United States district court for the judicial district wherein the claimant resides shall have jurisdiction, without regard to the amount in controversy, to hear, determine, and render judgment upon any claim for just compensation for any item or interest therein acquired by the United States pursuant to section 2 of this Act; and where such claim is filed in the district court the claimant may request a trial by jury: *Provided*, That the claim is filed within one year from the date of publication in the Federal Register of the determination by the Attorney General with respect to such items.

U.S. Courts, jurisdiction.

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Preservation of items by GSA.

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Approved November 3, 1965, 10:15 p.m.

January 2, 1976

Mr. Harold Weisberg  
Route 12  
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Below is the proper format for a Freedom of Information request as defined under Title 31 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1, subpart A, section 1.5(c):

- (1) In writing with your signature;
- (2) State that it is made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C., Section 552), or Title 31 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1A;
- (3) Be addressed to: Freedom of Information & Privacy Acts Officer  
Office of Administration  
U.S. Secret Service  
1800 G Street, N.W., Room 908  
Washington, D.C. 20223.
- (4) Reasonably describe the records in sufficient detail to enable Secret Service employees to locate the records;
- (5) Set forth the Address where you wish to be notified of the determination as to whether the request will be granted;
- (6) State whether you wish to inspect the records or desire to have a copy made and furnished without first inspecting them;
- (7) State your firm agreement to pay fees for search and duplication. You should state an acceptable upper limitation which you are willing to pay to cover the costs of processing the request. Fees imposed by the Secret Service are in accordance with the uniform fee schedule of the Treasury Department which is as follows: a. \$.10 each for photocopies and b. \$3.50 for each hour or fraction thereof for services of personnel involved in locating records.

In order to expedite your request, you may wish to include additional identifying data such as date and place of birth and social security number.

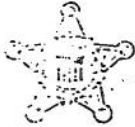
Sincerely,



Robert O. Goff  
Freedom of Information &  
Privacy Acts Officer  
Office of Administration

bcc: Chron.  
Official files

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20223

December 30, 1975

Mr. Harold Weisberg  
Route 12  
Frederick, MD. 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

In response to your letter dated December 18, 1975, a review of the Secret Service files and indices disclosed that we have no file on you. We do however, have copies of correspondence from you and our replies thereto dating back to 1966.

There is presently no information in our files indicating that we have received information concerning you from the CIA or that we have forwarded any information concerning you to the CIA.

Very truly yours,

*TSK*

Thomas J. Kelley  
Assistant Director  
Protective Forces





Lillian & Harold Weisberg

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Coq d'Or Press ROUTE 8, FREDERICK, MD. 21701

Code 301/473-8186

December 18, 1975

Mr. Thomas Kelley  
Assistant Director  
United States Secret Service  
1800 G Street, NW  
Washington, D. C. 20000

Dear Mr. Kelley:

I address you instead of filing a FOIA/Privacy Act request because I think the Secret Service might prefer handling this more informally. However, if I am wrong in this, please forward this letter to the proper person as a formal request under both laws.

The CIA, with which I have tried to be exceedingly patient because I realize the national need for such agencies only working within a proper democratic framework, has been stonewalling me past the point of endurance. I began asking for all its files on me in 1971. Only recently have I received any. What they sent was considerably less than those of which I had copies and of which I know. However, in what they did send me there is indication that they supplied files on me to the Secret Service and obtained files on me from the Secret Service. Because I do not know what the reaction will be to this letter, I would prefer to give you no more specifics; but I do know of Secret Service files on me to which I believe I am entitled under both laws.

The time for response has long since passed.

I will be frank with you as I think you know I have been in the past I do not trust the CIA to be honest in any respect, including where other agencies are involved. If the Secret Service has released the CIA to give me copies of Secret Service files, the CIA has not. It also has supplied repetitious proof of lying.

I do not believe it is possible that the CIA will now comply fully. I have filed a formal appeal. If there is not full compliance within the time permitted by law, I will take this to court. This will automatically involve the Secret Service unless prior to then I have received from the Secret Service copies of all files on, about, or in any way having to do with me of any origin, nature or source of any kind.

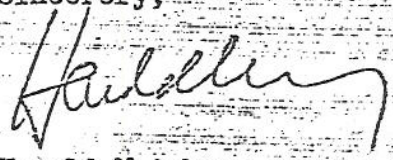
As I did with the CIA, I have filed similar requests with the FBI after making the initial requests. In order to give the Bureau the opportunity to avoid needless embarrassment, I delayed formalizing these requests, but I now have done this and I am prepared to proceed expeditiously.

I hope you will trust my sincerity in telling you that, as I have to now, I prefer not taking the Secret Service to court. I also hope you will believe me, if you have no independent knowledge, that with the changed situation there is bitter internecine warfare inside the

government and that I have records of preparation for it going back to the very earliest days.

So I hope this can be handled formally. If it is not, as I have asked for forwarding through proper channels, I also ask for a copy of the Secret Service's newest regulations under both acts.

Sincerely,



Harold Weisberg

12-18-75

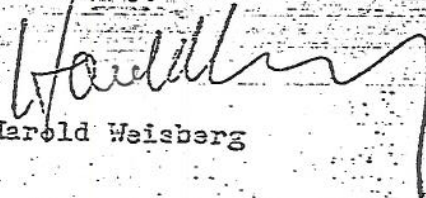
Dear Mr. Kelley:

On a separate matter I think I can be of some help to one of your former agents who is sorely troubled and, I am satisfied, need not be. However, I hesitate to intrude if my offer would be unwelcome.

I was deeply touched by Clint Hill's appearance and expressions when he appeared on "60 Minutes." From my own work I am completely satisfied that there not only is no basis for his agony, but that he could come to see it. I think it would be helpful to him if his psychiatrist were to speak to me. I would commit myself in advance to ask no questions and make no public comment of any kind or under any circumstances. I believe Hill's testimony was absolutely honest. I know how close he came to losing his life and I am absolutely convinced, not only that there is no basis for his present suffering but I can give the psychiatrist all he needs for it to be of help.

If I do proceed in court, I have kept this part of my letter to you on a separate page so that it will not and need not be filed.

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