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Dr. James Rhoads, Archivist
National Archives
Washington, D.C. 20408

Dear Dr. Rhoads,

When Lyndal Shaneyfelt was deposed in C.A. 75-226, in the presence of two representatives of the National Archives, he testified to taking certain photographs relevant in that case and not to the best of my knowledge deposited with you under the provisions of the executive order of October 31, 1966.

These photographs are enlargements of the curbstone of which you know, as Mr. Shaneyfelt described them macrophotographs.

There has been no response to several letters I have written on this matter.

I am quite certain Mr. Johnson was entirely truthful when he said he was aware of no such photographs.

If they exist I do want copies of them.

If they do not exist I do want a statement I can include in the case records.

I have also written, again without response, about reports that have reached me relating to new releases. I sent a check for \$100 to deposit to my account to assure you the costs.

Costs? ¹ understate. At 20 cents a page for xeroxing today you should advertise. [‡]This could be a means of balancing the budget.

Here again there has been no response.

More than nine years ago you assured me there was no manpower shortage in anything relating to the JFK archives and never would be.

Now that you no longer have the need to hide the records of the Committee to Re-elect from process or the need to provide a crooked tax shelter for Mr. Nixon the manpower pressures should be reduced.

FOIA does impose a 10-day limit on you.

We both know this means nothing when you have your long career of doing the dirty work of those who prosecute and would not prosecute you for protecting them.

With felony the practise it appears futile to expect the superficial decency of observing good form.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg