



CHIEF POSTAL INSPECTOR  
Washington, DC 20260

August 7, 1980

Mr. Harold Weisberg  
Route 12  
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

A copy of your letter addressed to the Naval Investigative Service, dated May 21, 1977, pertaining to your Freedom of Information Act request for copies of all records relating to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, was routed to the U. S. Department of Justice.

Found in the files of the U. S. Department of Justice were three pages of record material which originated with the Postal Inspection Service. This material was referred to me on July 23, 1980, to make a determination concerning the release of these records.

Enclosed are the records in question which can be released to you. Certain deletions have been made to the enclosed material pursuant to title 5, United States Code, section 552(b)(7)(C), where disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

As provided in title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, part 265, you have a right to appeal this decision. A copy of the appeal procedure is also enclosed.

We recognize that some of the enclosed reproductions are of poor quality; however, such reproductions are the best copies we could make from the material available to us at our Headquarters in Washington, DC.

Sincerely,

K. H. Fletcher  
Chief Postal Inspector

Enclosures

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum* • POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: Department of Justice Documents and  
personal papers of [REDACTED]

DATE: July 7, 1967

FROM: S. H. Jensen  
Postal Inspector  
Los Angeles, California 90054

IN REPLY  
REFER TO:

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TO: Mr. John Van de Kamp  
Assistant U. S. Attorney  
Los Angeles, California 90012

This will confirm our telephone conversation of this date regarding the subject. The items found loose in the mails at the Los Angeles, California Terminal Annex Post Office consisted of an accordian type manilla portfolio and a legal size file folder. The portfolio contained bank statements, cancelled checks, check books, etc., apparently the personal property of one [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The file folder contains numerous letters, documents, FBI reports, official papers, newspaper clippings, etc., relating to the Kennedy assassination and the Warren Commission. These papers are, in part, addressed to [REDACTED]

The postal clerk who turned this material over to our office is Miss Marjorie C. Herring, assigned to the mailing requirements section, Terminal Annex. I personally interviewed Miss Herring today and she informed me that she found both items in a quantity of loose articles received on Friday, June 30, 1967, to the best of her remembrance. The loose articles originate from all over the city, in any one of several thousand collection boxes or the various stations and no record is maintained as they are usually not examined until they reach the mailing requirements section. She has no idea whatever as to the source of these articles. Most of such items usually are picked up in collection boxes.

Inspector J. P. Keown and I examined the contents of the two folders only to the extent that we could make a determination as to ownership and importance.

*S. H. Jensen*

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*Handwritten:* David Dawson

Postal Inspector in Charge, Fort worth, Texas 76101

- As you requested, [redacted], RRFD-TV, Dallas, was interviewed by me in his office on September 5, 1968. The purpose of the interview was to determine the condition of CBS Newscaster [redacted] who suffered a heart attack during the recent Democratic convention in Chicago.
- [redacted] said that he was in New York on September 4, 1968 and talked to [redacted] of CBS News. [redacted] said that [redacted] told him that [redacted] is a patient at Mercy Hospital in Chicago, where he is expected to remain five to six weeks.
- [redacted] was asked by me if he had received a letter from the Dallas postmaster concerning the withholding of mail addressed to [redacted]. He said he had not picked up his mail for several days and had not received the letter. The contents of the letter were made known to him. He commented "it does not really matter - we have already made our point". As he said this, he pointed to the three cartons on the floor near his desk, each containing a rifle. These are the three rifles shipped by Railway Express mentioned in my previous report.
- [redacted] was very congenial and cooperative during the interview.

*Handwritten Signature:* K. H. Chapin  
K. H. Chapin  
Postal Inspector

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1. As requested, WRLS-TV News [redacted] and Main Office Window Clerk Charles Britton were interviewed at Dallas, Texas, on September 9, 1968, concerning P. O. Box 2173.

2. Clerk Charles Britton, who rented box 2173 to [redacted] on July 10, 1968, said that neither the Dallas postmaster nor anyone else had talked to him about renting a post office box to [redacted].

3. [redacted] was interviewed in his office concerning his conversation with Dallas Postmaster W. B. Hudson in the early part of July, 1968, regarding the possible use of a post office box for obtaining firearms. [redacted] said that he telephoned Mr. Hudson and, acting in behalf of Lee Harvey Oswald, wanted to rent a post office box at the main office to determine if firearms can still be sent through the mails. [redacted] said he told Mr. Hudson that he wanted to rent the same lock box which Lee Harvey Oswald used in obtaining a firearm through the mail. [redacted] said that Postmaster Hudson telephoned him back and told him that this box was rented and therefore not available. [redacted] was asked if Postmaster Hudson approved or disapproved of his plan. [redacted] replied that he didn't remember. [redacted] told [redacted] that Postmaster Hudson had said that he tried to discourage him from renting a post office box for the purpose of receiving firearms. [redacted] replied "that may very well be true - I don't remember". [redacted] remarked that he receives approximately 60 telephone calls daily and cannot recall the details of each telephonic conversation. [redacted] said that as far as he knows, Mr. Hudson was not aware that [redacted] had rented P. O. Box 2173.

*R. M. Chapin*  
A. L. Chapin  
Postal Inspector