



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 19, 1978

Mr. Harold Weisberg
Route 12
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I have been asked to reply to your letter of March 27, 1978, to Mr. Strawberry. I am afraid that I advised him that your request was not one for reasonably identified records because it would be unreasonably burdensome to attempt to locate records meeting the terms of your request.

It would have been nice, perhaps even logical, to have done what you assume was done at the time of the Warren Commission, that is to make a list of all our documents on Oswald and a list of such of those documents as were furnished to the Warren Commission, and similarly to make a list of documents furnished and denied under Freedom of Information requests. Unfortunately, so far as I know, this was not done; there are no such lists. Hence, all we could do under your description, is manually compare the Warren Commission documents with our whole set of documents and make a judgment. We could not tell what documents we have which meet the description in your request without going through that process, which requires us really to search not only our records but those of NARS and the like. This, I believe, the Freedom of Information Act does not require us to do.

I am sure Mr. Strawberry will be happy to discuss with you alternative ways of formulating your request so that we can begin to process it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "K. E. Malmberg".

K. E. Malmberg

cc: FOIA - Mr. Strawberry