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Dear Bud,

Re: Autopsy Pictures and X-rays:

The name in the records of the photographer is Mr. John T. Stringer, Jr. A check of the Maryland Suburban phone book shows a John T. Stringer, Lt. Cdr., USNR Ret 4612 Roxbury Drive, Bethesda MD 20814-3530.

This address is close to the Navy Hospital.

If this is the man, not the father, he should be able to testify to how many of what pictures he took, with what kind of equipment, for what purpose(s) and under whose orders, and whether or not each picture was properly exposed, how he exposed and determined exposure, whether he had every reason to believe there was no defect in his film, practices, etc., and what, if anything, could normally cause the film he exposed to "show no image" on processing.

I can seek an interview with him to ask him these questions, if he declines it, I can write him a registered letter asking the answers, etc., but I will wait hearing from you before doing anything.

The evidence is so overwhelming that he turned in good stuff, properly exposed film, that I think the best course is to approach him openly and directly, which I would do for my writing anyway, let him decline for whatever reason, make a record if it, and then subpoena him. The letter would then make a rather good exhibit as it will make a record.

Sincerely,

Gary and Paul,

Harold Weisberg

As we presumably get closer to filing the suit, the promised letter from the D.J. not having arrived, I shall be sending Bud specific items in addition to what I have already given him. For what I hope are obvious reasons and some that are not, please make no further distribution of these things. I shall also be asking the DJ for additional things. I hope Bud will agree to include them. He is away for about another 10 days.