

WASHINGTON (UPI) - THE
SUPREME COURT REFUSED TODAY TO
ORDER THE FBI TO REMOVE THE
SECRECY LABEL ON ITS FILES ON THE
JOHN F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

THE COURT DECLINED TO REVIEW
A LOWER COURT RULING WHICH HELD
THAT THE FBI HAS BROAD POWERS
TO DETERMINE WHAT IT CAN
SUPPRESS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION ACT.

THE LEGAL ACTION WAS BROUGHT
BY HAROLD WEISBERG, AUTHOR OF
FOUR BOOKS ON THE ASSASSINATION.
HE HAD ASKED THE FBI FOR ITS
SPECTROGRAPHIC ANALYSIS OF BUL-
LET FRAGMENTS FOUND AT THE
SCENE OF THE KENNEDY SHOOTING
IN DALLAS ON NOV. 22, 1963.

THE FBI REFUSED THE REQUEST
ON GROUNDS THE EVIDENCE WAS
PART OF "INVESTIGATORY FILES
COMPILED FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
PURPOSES" AND THUS EXEMPT
FROM THE FREEDOM OF INFORMA-
TION ACT. THE ACT IS INTENDED TO
FORCE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO
PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH OFFICIAL
DOCUMENTS ON REQUEST.

WEISBERG'S ATTORNEYS ARGUED
THAT THE ACT PLACED THE BURDEN
ON THE FBI OF SHOWING WHY THE
EVIDENCE SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED
IN CASES WHERE "NO PROSECUTION
IS CONTEMPLATED AND DISCLOSURE
WOULD NOT HARM THE AGENCY'S
LEGITIMATE LAW ENFORCEMENT
FUNCTIONS."

THE LOWER COURTS SAID HOWEV-
ER THAT THE FBI HAD MET ITS
OBLIGATIONS BY PROVIDING AN
AFFIDAVIT FROM A SPECIAL AGENT,
SAYING RELEASE OF THE INFORMA-

Mr. Weisberg: This is a copy of
the U.P.I. dispatch received
Monday (May 13th) at the Newhall
~~Signal~~ Signal newspaper in Newhall,
California. Since my parents happen
to own the newspaper, they gave it
to me.

It is the only place out here where
I read more than a one-paragraph
story on the Supreme Court's
decision.

I have also enclosed a copy of our
story (ZNS's) of the same decision
after getting further details from
you by telephone.

I am extremely interested in the
J.F.K. assassination, and would
be most anxious to receive word
from you if you develop anything
new — particularly something that
can be written or presented in
form for radio.

Again, let me say how much I enjoyed
and respected your book — Whitewash.
I intend in the near future to read
your other works too.

Sincerely,


Jon Newhall

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