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House of Representatives
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Dear Mr. Blakey,

Your recent hearings on the JFK assassination have interested me not for any new information about the crime that they have brought to light but for some of the other evidence that can have value in several of my Freedom of Information Act cases. The interest of the Congress in Freedom of Information is well known. What you may not know is the role I played in the 1974 amending of the Act. I also have great interest in it as well as in the information I bring to light by it. All of the records I obtain have already been bequeathed to a public archive.

I would like to obtain some of your recent and non-secret evidence for possible use in court cases. This need will be prior to your publication. The evidence is in the form of public testimony of public reports and exhibits at least some of which were given to and used by the press. It breaks into two general categories. As you are aware any notes I might make in your offices are of no value to a court. I will pay the cost of xeroxing.

Of primary interest to me is the testimony of Drs. Michael Baden and Vincent Guinn and their respective reports and copies of the glossy sketches and of the X-rays used in the Baden testimony.

If the Guinn report does not include precise descriptions of the samples considered and a chain of possession and your records do establish this that could be important to me because that precise evidence is presently before a court. So also could any material relating to your failure to subject the jacket material to HAA. I presume you did have a reason. The results of the testing of this jacket material is also before a court. I would want to be as informative to the court as possible.

If you have a waiver on the USA- Kennedy estate contract I'd appreciate a copy.

The other area includes Nosenko and the interceptions of Oswald communications. Aside from the Hart testimony and exhibits and IC report, which I understand was given to the press, I have special interest in what Nosenko said about Oswald and the KGB attitude toward him.

If you believe, as I do not, that information relating to interception of Oswald communications, including electronic, are currently and properly classified as a substitute for what you would not want to let me have I would appreciate a list of the records with sufficient identification to make each identifiable in court. I believe that all that could be classified is now within the public domain.

A reporter gave me a copy of your Baden narration. I read it with interest. After reading it I went over it again and marked it up for the future. I plan no more writing on this aspect because, as you may not be aware, I have already written extensively on it. You adduced no fact I had not already published, as for example the actual location of the wounds. I mention this to you not for any present interest you may have but because your function is largely administrative and you cannot also be a subject expert. It is my belief that the staffer(s) who prepared your narration for you did not serve you well. If when your committee function is over you have interest in this I will be happy to provide you with any explanations you may desire.

Thank you for whatever material you can let me have. I do not want any of it for my writing.

Sincerely, Harold Weisberg