

The Deputy Attorney General

January 28, 1971

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Schutz

ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS

This is in reply to your inquiry received January 25, 1971, captioned "Freedom of Information Act," which concerns a request from Harold Weisberg for access to documents relating to captioned matter which have been declassified by the National Archives.

In his letter to the Department dated January 4, 1971, Weisberg indicated it would be necessary for him to examine each page of the documents so declassified by the National Archives in order to determine whether it would be of interest to him. He advised this would constitute a burden upon him.

The question posed by Weisberg in this instance is not one of obtaining information under the Freedom of Information Act, but merely requesting the Federal Government to conduct research into matters which are readily available to him. Although Weisberg indicated a review of this material may impose a burden upon him, since the material is available to him it should be reviewed by Weisberg.

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

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NOTE: Weisberg, who has been critical of the Warren Commission, FBI, Secret Service, police agencies, and other branches of Government in connection with their handling of the Kennedy assassination, is compiling a book which is anticipated will continue to reflect his animosities. His writings in the past have contained inaccuracies, falsehoods, and deliberate slanting of the facts. During the past several months, he has made numerous requests of the Department under the Freedom of Information Act for data relating to the assassination. This has necessitated the expenditure of considerable investigative time and effort by the FBI. His most recent request borders on the ridiculous. Every five years the National Archives reviews the Warren Commission file and declassifies certain documents for inspection by the public. Weisberg has been furnished a copy of the list of declassified documents, but indicates he does not have the time to review them in order to determine what is of value to him. He requests the Government to conduct this review, and the Department has asked for our comments.