

MEMORANDUM

September 7, 1995

To: Tom Samoluk

From: Eric Scheinkopf

Re: Harold Weisberg & notes on President Kennedy's autopsy

This memo will address Mr. Weisberg's continuing interest in the issue of the autopsy notes on the examination of President Kennedy's body. His correspondence from the most recent 8/30/95 to earlier letters in March and April have continually made mention of this. Mr. Weisberg says "if there is anything more 'core' in an assassination I have not been able to think of it."

In his May 13th letter to Dr. Nelson, Weisberg claims that autopsy notes existed at the time the person he calls the "chief prosecutor" testified before the Warren Commission. He says he asked for them at the Archives in 1966 and that they were not in the two places he says the "testimony" said they were and that they have not been seen since. He ought to be asked for the specific reference in the Warren Commission testimony as that would help us know specifically what he is talking about. In a letter received by the ARRB on 4/4/95 he says Dr. Humes swore that he destroyed the first draft of his protocol, not the notes. Besides referring to the published Commission hearings on this point, he also refers to his own postmortem and that he had had "published a series of receptions for those very notes." Mr. Weisberg ought to be asked specifically about these "receptions" so that we could have more specific information with which to work in dealing with his request. In his letter of 4/22/95 he makes reference to the ARRB's subpoena power "to compel appearance with the production of records."

Another source of helpful information might be in the numerous FOIA requests he says he has filed with DoD, the Army, the Navy and with the Bethesda Medical Center. He says the hospital wrote him that it did not have a single piece of relevant paper (Weisberg letter of 11/15/94). He should be asked for copies of his filings so that we can look for specific references to the autopsy notes.

Conclusion

Mr. Weisberg should be asked for exactly where in the Commission records the mention of the autopsy notes exists, for references to this in his own postmortem and for copies of his FOIA filings so that we can see exactly where the notes are mentioned.

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