

TO: Jeremy Gunn
FROM: Eric Scheinkopf
DATE: February 6, 1995
RE: Harold Weisberg's requests from the ARRB

This memorandum discusses what Harold Weisberg is requesting from the ARRB and my recommendations as to a reply.

Mr. Weisberg is requesting the following:

- two CIA Office of Security files that he says exist on him; he says the Office of Security has a memo stating that it has two files on him. As he does not give any specific information about the dates or numbers of these files, I recommend that the letter ask him to be more specific.
- records reflecting his correspondence with government agencies, the CIA in particular, that have not yet been transferred to the Archives should be transferred there. I recommend that Mr. Weisberg specify those records he wants made available. Given that he says he learned of these omissions from a printout of the records referring to him which exist at the Archives, he should give us a copy of the printout along with a list of what he believes has been withheld from the public record.
- (1) that the CIA be asked for an all-component search of all Praeger records relating to the assassination and any publishing by Praeger about the assassination; (2) also that any government interference with assassination publishing should be made a part of the Archives' files. I believe that the ARRB can ask the CIA about Praeger

Publishing as part of our request for files. As for the second, I believe that this request is too general and that if specific cases can be identified that only then can the Board be of assistance.

- the Justice Department's records regarding his legal appeals to see his records (he believes they may have been destroyed). I recommend that he specify to the ARRB each and every appeal if he wants us to help locate them.*
- records in which he appears that the Archives disclosed to him under discovery in a lawsuit that it did not place in a file of records referring to him. I believe he needs to provide us with documentation concerning this lawsuit if we are to be of any assistance in this particular instance.*
- that any "defamation" of him in the JFK assassination records be made available to him and that he be able to exercise the right to file correcting statements. While he feels that the ARRB has the authority to see that such corrections are made, I believe an examination of the files on him, in an effort to locate such defamations, are not possible unless he specifies those documents still being withheld. Only in that case can the Board realistically go to the appropriate agency and request specific files. As for his request to file corrected statements, I do not believe that is not our responsibility to help him make corrections to documents that he finds.*
- a record listing each document withheld by all agencies as well as a requirement that there be an accounting for of destroyed assassination records. This is too general a request to assist him with*

as our efforts should be to help him find specific documentation he identifies and which has yet to be released.

- copies of transcripts of his radio and television appearances that his attorney says the CIA purchased from an outfit called Radio-TV Reports, Inc. His attorney, in a letter to the Board, says how this was done. I recommend that Mr. Weisberg provide us with a list of the appearances he made on both radio and TV so that the Board can ask the CIA for these copies, if indeed the CIA purchased them.*
- that any CIA purchased transcripts, not only his but those of Warren Commission supporters and critics both, be considered JFK Assassination records under the JFK Act. I believe that his attorney is making this request on his behalf. It is my view that is not an immediate issue with which we need to help him on but a judgement that the Board will make on a case by case basis in the course of its work.*
- that the ARRB explore the extent to which the CIA involved itself in domestic activities in violation of its charter. Unless a determination is made by the Board that this is relevant to an search for assassination records, this is not a matter with which the Board needs to assist Mr. Weisberg or his attorney.*