

March 9, 1995

Mr. Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thank you for your letters to me and the Review Board. I will do my best to respond to what I understand the thrust of your requests to be. To the extent that I have misunderstood your letters, I would appreciate your sending appropriate clarifications.

1. You suggest that the CIA Office of Security opened two files on you. We will attempt to pursue this matter. It would be helpful for us if you can provide any additional information (e.g. file numbers, date opened, or any documentary evidence that there are such files).

2. You suggest that government agencies, especially the CIA, should transfer all of their correspondence with you to the JFK Collection at the

Archives.

You say that you were able to learn of some omissions by consulting a printout. We will attempt to pursue this matter as well. It will help us if you let us know exactly which part of your correspondence has and has not already been sent to the Archives.

3. I understand you to be suggesting that Praeger Publishing formerly had an affiliation with the CIA and that we should pursue government records that reflect the CIA's communications with Praeger regarding the assassination. I would appreciate your sending to me your documentary evidence of such a tie between Praeger and the government so that we might be able to look into this matter from a more informed perspective.

4. You have asked that the Justice Department's records regarding your FOIA appeals be turned over to the Archives. Please send us a list of these appeals so that we can request them from DOJ.

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5. I also understand you to be suggesting that the Archives furnished you with some documents relating to the assassination that it has not turned over to the Archives. We are very interested in knowing to which specific documents you are referring so that we can pursue the matter.

6. You suggest that some of the records being sent to the JFK Collection defame you and that you would like to have the right to correct any misstatements in the record. The Board's mandate under the Assassination Record Collection Act of 1992 (ARCA) is limited to reviewing postponements of all or parts of documents identified by agencies as responsive to the ARCA and to identifying and obtaining for the collection additional responsive records that should be made part of the JFK Collection. No mechanism is provided in our legislation for providing comment on or supplementing information contained in records that are part of the collection.

However, you should be aware that the ARCA does specifically provide that

all records of the Board also shall be made a part of the JFK Collection upon the completion of the Board's work. See 44 U.S.C. § 2107 note Sec. 7(o)(3) ("Upon termination and winding up, the

Review Board shall transfer all of its records to the Archivist for inclusion in the Collection, and no record of the Review Board shall be destroyed.") Thus, all correspondence from you regarding inaccuracies in records in the collection will themselves become a part of the official collection and be made available to researchers and the general public.

7. You have suggested that each agency be required to account for each record it is withholding in full and that the agencies be held to account for missing and destroyed records. The agencies are required to identify each and every assassination record in their possession, as well as to account for the destruction of any assassination record once in their possession. We would very much appreciate it if you, and others, identify, with particularity, records that you believe to have been destroyed so that we can pursue the matter with the agencies.

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8. Jim Lesar sent us some information to supplement your request for information regarding Radio-TV Reports, Inc. We will attempt to pursue this matter. To the extent that you can provide us with dates of your radio and TV appearances, it will help us.

As I am sure you can imagine, we are receiving many requests from people who wish to pursue records relating to the assassination. It is always helpful when such requests are precise, documented, and clear. We would very much like to be helpful to you. The clearer your requests are, the easier it will be for us to respond.

Sincerely yours,

David Marwell

cc: *Jeremy Gunn*  
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