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Mr. Paul L. Hoch  
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Dear Mr. Hoch:

This responds to your letter of 16 May 1976 in which you reminded us of your request of 17 March for this Agency's response to your memorandum on "the CIA and the Warren Commission."

As you are probably aware, this Agency is presently engaged in a systematic re-review of all documents responsive to the broad request of Bernard Fensterwald, a request which has been in litigation for some months. From this re-review we confidently expect that both additional documents and additional parts of documents will be released. We shall also have a more descriptive listing of all of the documents, whether they be denied in whole or only in part. While this review was provoked by the legal action of Mr. Fensterwald, the product of that review will be available for the benefit of all requesters. One of the problems attending any such review, particularly when a large number of documents are involved, is maintaining a consistency. The first review was handicapped by the fact that a number of people reviewed different portions of the total, while operating under fairly intense deadline pressures. A lack of consistency is apparent in the results as a product of haste and fragmented knowledge of the topic. The current review does not suffer from the deficiencies of the first one, but it is taking a little longer.

While we recognize the long delay for you in getting our response to what must seem like a relatively simple request, we would ask for your patience while this re-review takes place. We believe that the better product expected from this re-review will be worth the additional time involved.

Sincerely,



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