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Mr. J. Gary Shaw  
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Re: Appeal No. 80-1458  
QJS:PLH

Dear Mr. Shaw:

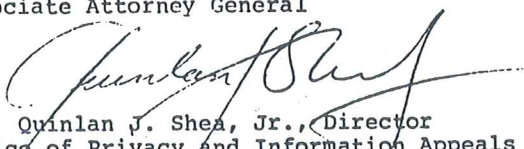
You appealed from the action of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your request for access to certain photographs pertaining to the John F. Kennedy assassination.

After careful consideration of your appeal, I have decided to affirm the initial action in this case. The F.B.I. properly refused to conduct a search for the photographs you seek on the grounds that you had not provided a reasonable description of them. 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(3). Without names of the subjects or the photographer and/or other identifying information, it would be impossible positively to identify the pictures as the ones requested by you, even if they were in fact located during a search. For your information, the Bureau has located no relevant information other than that provided by you in the attachment to your request letter. That record appears to suggest that the photographs you seek might possibly have originated with the Central Intelligence Agency. If you wish to pursue this matter, I can only suggest you write directly to the C.I.A.

Judicial review of my action on this appeal is available to you in the United States District Court for the judicial district in which you reside or have your principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia, or in the District where the photographs you seek, if they exist, are located.

Sincerely,

John H. Shenefield  
Associate Attorney General

By:   
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