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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

We have not been able to locate any Civil Division documents reflecting the existence of a Department task force set up, as you suggest in your May 26, 1981 letter to us, to handle problems concerning President Kennedy's assassination. In your letter you further stated that the existence of this task force was disclosed in records you obtained pursuant to your May 21, 1977 Freedom of Information Act request. To our knowledge, the Civil Division of the Department of Justice did not release these records to you. If you could provide us with copies of these records, it might give a clue of where we might look. Also, merely because Civil Division personnel may have, as you believe, been part of this task force, does not mean that Civil Division records were ever created concerning its activities. Moreover, officials of the Civil Division either take with them or otherwise dispose of their personal records upon leaving the Department. Members of a Department task force act under supervision of a specific office and it is this office which would logically maintain records, if in fact created. You should direct your request to this office originating the records.

We are sorry we are unable to be of more help, but as mentioned, you may be able to provide us with additional information from your files which would facilitate our search.

Very truly yours,

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