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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Another requester has obtained from the Drug Enforcement Administration Kennedy assassination information contained in F.B.I. records referred to D.E.A. for consultation. It is my understanding that the Bureau has not completed the processing of all referrals in this case, including records referred to D.E.A. For this reason, I am making copies of the material released to the other requester available to you now. Mr. Mitchell has personally reviewed each of the four documents being released and this action constitutes the final administrative review of the processing by D.E.A.

Extensive deletions from these documents, all based on 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(7)(C) and (7)(D) and which I now affirm, reflect the fact that this material consists primarily of confidential information, much of which does not pertain to the Kennedy assassination. In fact, two of the documents make no mention of the assassination investigation other than in the caption. In addition, major portions of two documents consist of transcripts of conversations or interviews involving confidential sources whose identities would be revealed if the transcripts were to be released. For your information, however, one of the transcripts contains absolutely no information pertaining to the assassination. I do want to advise you that D.E.A. erroneously released the identities of two confidential Bureau sources in one of the documents released to the other requester (serial 62-109060-7764). In view of your comments to me on a number of past occasions when a similar problem has arisen with Bureau processing, I believe you will agree with my judgment that it would be inappropriate to compound the error by releasing the identities of these individuals to you and the public at large. I can assure you, however, that the informants actually provided no information having any bearing on the assassination of President Kennedy.

Judicial review of my action on these records 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, which is also where the records you seek are located.

Sincerely,

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