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Dear Ms. Chiba:

Last week I spoke to you about pictures taken by Gene Danish for Black Star. I decided to send Xerox copies of what I was referring to in order to save some time.

Here is a little bit of history behind these pictures I got from JFK assassination researcher Harold Weisberg. He assures me that it was Gene Danish who took the pictures. Weisberg got copies from a Richard Sprague. Sprague was the first general counsel for the House Select Committee on the Assassinations established by the U.S. House of Representatives to look into the assassinations of JFK and Dr. King in the later 1970s. Weisberg never used these pictures in his own writing and publications.

I would like to use one of these pictures of a man hanging curtains in Lee Harvey Oswald's room at 1026 No. Beckley Avenue in Dallas. The picture supports Oswald's story that the package he brought to work on 22 November 1963 contained curtain rods and not a disassembled rifle.

My request is a dual one. First, I would like Black Star's permission to use one of Danish's pictures in a book I am writing on the JFK assassination and the Warren Commission. Secondly, does Black Star have in the files any documentation that supports the fact that these pictures were taken on 22 or 23rd of November 1963 at Oswald's room at the rooming house at 1026 No. Beckley Ave.?

I would appreciate any help you can give me on this request.

Sincerely,

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Photographer was Gene Daniels - not
Danish