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Dear Col. Mann,

I have delayed answering your letter of May 1 ~~xxxxxx~~ in the hope of your conclusion being the reality. It is, "...I have every confidence that officials now charged with such responsibility will do a conscientious and responsive job."

In the interim I received a letter dated May 22 from M.K. Ward, chief of the AF Hq Documentation Info and Svcs Branch reporting the finding of no records pertaining to me. I am sending him a carbon of this letter to inform him.

NBC News last night confirmed what I wrote April 22, that these files had not been destroyed. I believe that had there been a proper inquiry after I wrote you this you might have learned it sooner. Obviously someone did know and was not fully responsive if even truthful.

As I also reported, there were files on me of which I have personal knowledge after the alleged date of destruction. I have given sufficient detail for finding them. They are both Army and Air Force. The existence of these files after my initial request is thus confirmed. It thus is apparent that the response to this initial request was not factual. I would hope that the responsibilities you both have would impel you to learn who misinformed and why and if these files were allegedly destroyed after my request, again why, if they were.

In the past I was told, in response to my request, that the reports, pictures and other information provided by Army Intelligence Agent James Powell, who was at the scene of the JFK assassination, also did not exist. If by any chance the Army's copies were all destroyed, the Army is in a position to retrieve this public information from those to whom it provided copies. There are extant FBI reports.

Last night's NBC report was repeated this morning, without reference to any official denial. I therefore presume it is accurate. I hope you will agree that further inquiry is warranted and that the leads to the files that did not exist in computers (only) will also be obtained and made available.

I believe there is propriety in my repeating my requests under both the FOIA and the privacy act and that by now there are substantial questions of public interest.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg