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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in further reply to your letter of January 29, 1971.

A check of the Defense Central Index of Investigations was made with the identifying data you supplied me in your letter of April 15, 1971. This check indicates that the Army does not maintain a file or dossier on you at the United States Army Investigative Records Repository.

You have also asked about reports and other information filed with Army intelligence by Mr. James W. Powell in regard to the assassination of President Kennedy. As I am sure you can understand, it is somewhat difficult to reply to your request because of the lapse of time between the event in question and your request.

It appears that Mr. Powell was an Army intelligence agent at the time of the assassination of President Kennedy. However, from the records which are presently available, Mr. Powell did not file a report, picture, or other information with Army intelligence on the assassination of President Kennedy. It is possible, of course, that he supplied information and pictures to civilian law enforcement agencies. However, nothing has been discovered in Army files which would suggest that he supplied any information on this subject to Army intelligence.

I am enclosing, in accordance with your request, a copy of Army Regulation 345-20, which provides for the release of information and records from Army files. As you will note, this regulation governs

requests "for information from, or copies of, identifiable Army records" AR 345-20(2)(a). Since there are no "identifiable Army records" in existence on the subject of your inquiry, the provisions of AR 345-20 and the Freedom of Information Act have no application to your request.

Sincerely,

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