

AFIP (Army) JFK/Life

Col. Thomas F. Zuck, Deputy Director
AFIP
Washington, D.C. 20306

3/26/81

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Dear Colonel Zuck,

In your letter of 3/17/81 you state that AFIP has no records of any kind relating to the assassination of President Kennedy and none "which indicate that pertinent records have been destroyed or transferred elsewhere." This simply cannot be believed.

The AFIP was involved in the autopsy, as my previous letter informs you, and in subsequent inquiries, at least one of which was at the behest of the President. It was involved before the autopsy because it was to have been in charge of the autopsy and the necessary arrangements had been ordered. Lt. Col. Pierre A. Finck, of AFIP, participated in the autopsy. He was interviewed by the Warren Commission, testified before it, was involved in two reviews, one at the Archives and the other for the Attorney General, at the direction of the President (for the former he was abroad, indicating that some record has to exist), and he was a witness in the case of Louisiana V. Shaw. Aside from all the other reasons for there to have been records, these leave no doubt at all.

At the very least there are regulations controlling what happens to records, so at the very least, if you made a good-faith search and found nothing, these regulations are "records which indicate" what happened to them.

The fact that you respond to my last letter the day after you received it in itself indicates that a good-faith search was not made.

If you are determined to leave this historical record one of defamation of the AFIP, the Army and the defense establishment, I will waste no more time trying to defend from the terrible and I am confident false charges made in the cited recent book that has received such widespread attention.

If you had set out to validate these charges, of a monstrous conspiracy to kill the President, you could hardly have done it better.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg



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ADDRESS REPLY TO THE DIRECTOR
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AFIP-JA

17 March 1981

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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RE: Freedom of Information Act
Request --
Kennedy Assassination

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This letter is written in response to your Freedom of Information Act request dated 14 March and received here on 16 March 1981.

In our opinion, our letters of 17 February, 27 February and 11 March 1981 are completely responsive to your requests. There are no records or documents at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology concerning the referenced matter, nor are there any records which indicate that pertinent records have been destroyed or transferred elsewhere. Therefore, we are unable to assist you further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas F. Zuck", written over a horizontal line.

THOMAS F. ZUCK, MD
Colonel, MC, USA
Deputy Director