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3 September 1980

Mr. Edgar F. Tatro
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Dear Mr. Tatro:

Your letter of 12 July 1980, addressed to the USA Reserve Component Personnel and Administrative Center, St. Louis, MO, was forwarded to this office for reply.

This office does not possess in its files documents pertaining to Contract DA 23-196-ORD-67 about which you seek information.

This contract was executed by the Small Arms Ammunition Center (disestablished in July 1954), an element of the US Ordnance Corps (disestablished in August 1962). Raritan Arsenal was also disestablished in June 1966 and its contract related records presumably transferred to the then US Army Munitions Command, Dover, NJ, also since disestablished. Contract files are required by Army Regulation 340-18-14 to be destroyed six years after final payment. Conjecturally, the contract would have been destroyed in 1960 at the latest.

However, it is possible that in the course of their exhaustive investigations in the assassination of President Kennedy, the Warren Commission and the Select Committee of the House may have uncovered the documents you seek.

The National Archives and Records Service, as custodian of the Warren Commission and Select Committee of the House records, may be able to help you as to the contract documents. I am therefore forwarding your letter to the National Archives and Records Service at Pennsylvania Avenue and 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008, for possible further action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dale Birdsell", is written over the typed name.

DALE BIRDSELL
Chief Historian

CF:
The National Archives and Records Service
ATTN: Mr. Clarence Lyons (NFJ)