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Mr. Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:


This is in response to your letter of June 20, 1970, addressed to the Director of Information in regard to your appeal from the alleged denial of the National Archives and Records Service to furnish you access to certain archival materials in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy.

Your letter appears to request five items: (1) a copy of the photograph taken by the Archives staff showing the front of the President's shirt; (2) a photograph of the knot of the President's tie; (3) a photograph, made from the negative prepared by the Archives, of the back of the President's shirt with the top of the collar included, showing the area of damage; (4) an enlarged photograph of the back of the shirt, not including the collar area, prepared from the negative for Warren Commission Exhibit 394; and (5) permission for you to examine the photographs taken with CBS equipment by the Archives staff.

After consultation with the Archives staff, it has been determined that items 2, 3 and 4 above have never been denied to you by the Archives and that item 1 has been denied to you only in terms of furnishing you a personal copy of the photograph. The Archives has specifically indicated it will allow you to examine the photograph indicated in item 1 in the National Archives Building. In addition, the Archives has indicated a willingness to prepare and to allow you to examine the photographs in items 2 and 3 in the Archives Building, to supply you the photograph in item 4, to allow you to examine item 5 photographs in the Archives Building, and to furnish you prints of the item 5 photographs.

It is hoped that the above disclosure procedures will satisfy your requests. We do not consider this in any way a denial inasmuch as we have endeavored to make each requested item reasonably available to you.

Sincerely,

  
RICHARD Q. VAWTER  
Director of Public Affairs