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[Sent by Mr. *Warren*
September 17, 1970]

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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in response to your letter of June 26, 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 specifically requests 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 194; and (5) permission for you to examine the photographs taken with CBS equipment by the Archives staff.

After consultation with the NARS staff, it has been determined that items 2, 3 and 4 above have never been denied to you by NARS and that item 1 has been denied to you only in terms of furnishing you a personal copy of the photograph. NARS has specifically indicated they will allow you to examine the photograph indicated in item 1 in the Archives Building. In addition, NARS has indicated a willingness to prepare and 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. Therefore, inasmuch as all requested items above will be made accessible to you, an appeal at this point under GSA regulations (41 CFR 105-60.404) is unnecessary.

You have also requested in your letter that all denials by FARS for access to records be automatically treated as appealed. The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552) and implementing GSA regulations do not provide for such automatic appeal and we consequently cannot accommodate your request. The normal appeal channel is, of course, available to you in any case in which you feel that access to GSA records has been improperly denied.

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Sincerely,

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Director of Information

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