THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 19, 1972

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Mr. Ken Clawson has asked that I thank you and respond to your recent letter requesting certain information in regard to Mr. E. Howard Hunt's employment as a White House consultant.

The information which you seek has been turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is a part of its investigatory files. Since any of the material provided to the FBI could be used as evidence in the criminal prosecution of charges against Mr. Hunt, the Department of Justice has requested that none of it be publicly disclosed prior to completion of that prosecution. Therefore, I regret we shall not be able to comply with your request in this instance, but trust you will understand the necessity of the position we must take

Str grely. John W. Dean, III Counsel to the President

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