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Dear Mr. Walsh,

I appreciate and thank you for the explanations in your letter of the 7th and for the enclosure from the HSCA's Report.

The report is consistent with that committee's record of taking credit for anything short of invention of the wheel and the discovery of sex. It was not its investigation that brought to light the army's destruction of the records of the 112th MIG, which is the fact, rather than of the Oswald file referred to. It happens that this is one of the matters about which I wrote you that I discovered. As I recall, they had been at Indiantown Gap, Pa. (Please excuse me for not searching my files because that is now a problem for me, physically!)

In addition, the army had three JFK assassination files that also were destroyed. When I got that response to my FOIA inquiry long before the committee existed I gave it to the Jack Anderson column, which published it.

As I think I told you, I was quite concerned that whatever those files held the army destroyed them - for whatever reason. This is why I asked for the authority for their destruction. I suggest also that this is the kind of thing that will be interpreted to mean that the army had something to hide.

I also wonder whether some copies of some records exist elsewhere within the army. This is because during the investigation the FBI obtained a report and at least one photograph taken by a 112th Group agent named Powell. Powell was near the assassination scene, with a camera, took at least one picture outside the building and rushed into it - with his camera.

It is not easy to believe that a trained intelligence agent would file a report that was of no value when his President was killed or that, with a camera and inside the building from which, in the official account, all shots were fired, he took no additional pictures.

I do think that all interests, including those of the Army, would be served if a diligent search were made for this and all other information relating to the assassination and its investigation that may not have been in the destroyed files. If you can have this done I think it would be a worthwhile public service. I hope you agree.

Again, thanks,

Sincerely,



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