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Honorable Richard Helms  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

Enclosed are copies of our letter of August 18, 1970, to you concerning the review of the Numbered Document File of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy and of your reply of January 4, 1971. In addition to the Numbered Document File involved in these letters, the records of the Commission include correspondence and internal records of the Commission, some of which relate to the functions of other Government agencies and their part in the investigation of the assassination. These records were reviewed by the National Archives in 1967 at the request of the Department of Justice. Some of them were withheld from research, and it is now time for the five year review of these documents provided for in the guidelines that apply to the records. I would like to ask the Central Intelligence Agency to review those documents which relate to its functions. They consist chiefly of correspondence between the CIA and the Commission and related memoranda (about one inch).

Both the material that we are now asking the CIA to review and the documents withheld from research in the Numbered Document File of the Commission include security classified documents. The CIA may wish to consider these documents under the provisions of Executive Order 11652 of March 10, 1972 (37 F.R. 5209), to determine whether they should be declassified or downgraded, and if they are declassified, whether they should be made available for research or withheld under a different exemption to the "Freedom of Information Act" (5 U.S.C. 552) and a different guideline from Guideline 2.

The following staff members of the National Archives will be pleased to furnish any further information that may be needed:

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Mr. Mark G. Eckhoff, Chief, Legislative, Judicial, and Fiscal Branch,  
or Mr. Marion M. Johnson, on Code 13, Extension 23171.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures