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Mr. Harold Weisberg  
Route 8  
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is a follow up to our earlier correspondence and our telephone conversation of January 11.

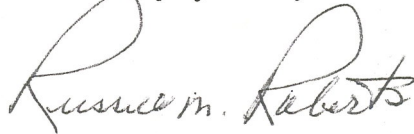
Since talking to you then, I've discussed the further questions you raised with Don Jordan. He will get in touch again with Harvy Liebergott in our Boston Regional Office. Together they will review the contract proposal and any mention in it of earlier contracts with the Mullen Company. Either Mr. Jordan or Mr. Liebergott will be back in touch with you. Mr. Jordan will also be checking with Fred Hundamer to whom you referred in our conversation as a possible source of information about earlier contracts.

I have checked with Julie Dickinson, whom you also mentioned. Miss Dickinson is a former Public Health Service employee now working in this office. Her contact with and knowledge of the Mullen Company is peripheral-- primarily through Betty Colcolough, now retired from the Mullen Company, with whom she was quite friendly. The only knowledge Miss Dickinson has of earlier contracts was one in 1956 or 1957 with PHS when the former Director of Information for the Surgeon General, Mr. J. Stewart Hunter, contracted with the firm to write picture captions for continuity. Apparently Betty Colcolough was the writer assigned by the Mullen Company. My understanding is that Mr. Hunter wasn't satisfied with the way the project turned out and ended up doing it in-house.

Miss Colcolough was also involved in the early stages of the Closer Look project.

I hope this is helpful to you and I'm sure  
Don Jordan will be getting in touch with any additional  
information he gets.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Russell M. Roberts". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Russell M. Roberts  
Director of Public Services  
Department Information Center Officer