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Department of the Army
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Re: Department of the Army Compliance with the JFK Assassination

Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107

Dear Ms. Dean:

This is to confirm that you have advised me, in your capacity as the JFK Act compliance official for the Department of the Army, that the Army will be submitting its initial Statement of Compliance under the JFK Act shortly after May 21, 1997. You advised that May 21 is the deadline you have given to various Army entities to report to your office on the results of their document searches. Shortly thereafter, the Army's Compliance Statement will be submitted to the Review Board.

Please note that, following the Army's submission of its Statement, the Reviw Board will want to meet informally with the Army to review any outstanding issues with respect to Army compliance with the JFK Act, including the scope and adequacy of the Army's record searches. In the meantime, we encourage the Army to provide the Review Board with any interim reports regarding its search efforts, including notification to the Board in the event the Army locates records relating to President Kennedy's assassination.

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As the Army's searches proceed, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or wish to discuss any matters regarding the JFK Act.

Sincerely,

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