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BY FACSIMILE & FIRST-CLASS MAIL

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for Personnel
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Re: Department of the Army Compliance with the JFK Assassination
Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am writing to request your assurance that the Department of the Army will submit to the Review Board the Army's Final Declaration of Compliance under the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 ("JFK Act").

In November 1997, we met with you and the Army's compliance official, Col. James R. Moore, Jr. At that time, the Army promised to submit its Final Declaration of Compliance by early March 1998. Since our meeting, Col. Moore has retired, and no one appears to have been designated to assume his responsibilities of ensuring Army compliance with the JFK Act. Furthermore, the Army's Final Declaration has not been submitted, and the Army has given us no indication that it has followed up in attempting to locate the records we discussed in November 1997.

Accordingly, please assure us that the Army will comply with its outstanding obligations under the JFK Act, including the submission of a Final Declaration of Compliance, by August 1, 1998. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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