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Peggy Cifrino
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Dear Ms. Cifrino:

I am writing regarding the Department's November 12, 2014 request that former Secretary of State Colin Powell provide it with any federal records in his possession, such as an email sent or received on a personal email account while serving as Secretary of State, if there is reason to believe that it may not otherwise be preserved in the Department's recordkeeping system.

You previously advised, with respect to official emails sent on Secretary Powell's private account during his time in office, that the account he used has been closed for a number of years. Based on advice we have received from the National Archives and Records Administration, the Department would nevertheless encourage you – if you have not already done so – to check with the internet service or email provider for the former account to see if it is still possible to retrieve any official emails from Secretary Powell's tenure at the Department. If you do recover any such emails, we would appreciate your forwarding them to the Department.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,


Patrick F. Kennedy