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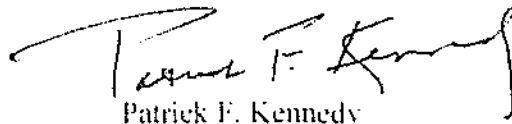
Dear Ms. Cifrino:

I am writing regarding the Department of State's October 21, 2015 request that your office check, if it has not already done so, with the internet service provider for former Secretary Powell's personal email account to see if it is possible to retrieve any emails that are federal records from Secretary Powell's tenure at the Department. If his internet service provider, which we understand to have been AOL, is able to recover any emails, we request that they be provided to your office and that any federal records then be made available to the Department. Should you have any questions regarding what constitutes a federal record, the Department can provide guidance.

If your office would prefer that the Department undertake a review of emails for federal records, we are prepared to assist and would ask that Secretary Powell authorize his service provider to retrieve his emails from the period corresponding to his tenure as Secretary and forward such emails to the Department of State so that we may do the record review.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of and attention to this request.

Sincerely,



Patrick F. Kennedy

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