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October 16, 1997

HAND-DELIVERED

J. Barry Harrelson  
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Re: Submission of CIA's Initial Statement of Compliance Under the JFK  
Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107

Dear Barry:

In connection with the work of the CIA to locate and release records relating to President Kennedy's assassination pursuant to the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 ("JFK Act"), please submit to the Review Board the CIA's initial formal report regarding its work.

As you know, the procedures for documenting the CIA's compliance with the JFK Act were set forth in the Review Board's November 27, 1996 letter to the CIA Director. These procedures entailed the submission of an initial report by the CIA, which we referred to as an Initial Statement of Compliance. This past Spring, we informally agreed to extend the time for submission of the Initial Compliance Statement pending ongoing work of the CIA under the JFK Act.

To facilitate the completion of the CIA's work by September 1998, including the submission to Congress of a final report detailing the work accomplished by the CIA and other Federal agencies under the JFK Act, please submit the CIA's Initial Compliance Statement to the Review Board no later than November 6, 1997.

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Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn  
Executive Director  
and General Counsel

cc:  Esq.