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Dear Ms. Wertz: Thank you for your e-mail message dated February 8, 1998. I have shared this correspondence with Martha Murphy at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in College Park, MD, and I have information that should clarify the organization of the JFK Assassination Records Collection. Due to the various governmental investigations into the assassination of President Kennedy, there are many copies of single documents throughout the Collection. As you know, each governmental investigative body requested assassination-related documents from agencies such as the FBI, the CIA, and the Secret Service. Therefore, the same record can be found in several different places throughout the Collection. However, NARA does not assign different agency file numbers to these duplicate copies, as you suggested in your letter. In addition, these duplicate copies can be cross-referenced, a tool that is used regularly by the JFK Access staff. I was informed by Ms. Murphy that the JFK Collection is organized consistent with how all collections are archived. When cataloging records, the archival integrity must be maintained, and NARA has arranged the JFK Collection consistent with these archival standards. Lastly, you addressed your concerns about the JFK database and the funding of the JFK Collection. Please be assured that steps are currently being taken to ensure that the database is more accessible to researchers. The Assassination Records Review Board and the JFK Assassination Records Collection at NARA have different funding. The Archives has sufficient funding for this Collection. Again, thank you for writing. If you have additional questions about the organization of the JFK Collection, please contact Martha Murphy at.....Sincerely, Eileen A. Sullivan
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