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Dear Chief Brooks :

I am writing to confirm our appointment for Thursday October 5, 1995 at 10:30 am at your office.

In preparation for that interview I wanted to give you some information about the several kinds of records the Review Board was mandated by Congress to identify and locate for inclusion in the John F. Kennedy Records Collection at the National Archives. Briefly, Congress directed the Review Board to collect original versions, wherever possible, of any records created by local, state or federal government entities concerning President Kennedy's assassination or any groups or individuals that may have played some part in the assassination. In addition Congress directed the Review Board to collect all records that were reviewed or referred to by any of the prior federal investigations of the assassination, mainly (but not exclusively) the Warren Commission and the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA). In sum, Congress defined "assassination record" very broadly, hence our mandate to find these records is equally broad.

The Review Board believes the Miami Police Department may have records that pertain to each of the general categories mentioned above. In the first general category the Review Board is interested in the Intelligence Division files of former Detective G.M. Zenoz and Captain Charles H. Sapp and other officers as they pertain to so called right-wing groups, left wing groups, Cuban exile groups and pro-Castro groups.. I believe Detective Zenoz is deceased. Apparently Detective Zenoz had contact with a number of Cuban exile groups in Miami. We are especially interested in Detective Zenoz's reports of such contacts, dated March 3, 1963, April 1, 1963 and April 3, 1963. Included in this category would be any type of record concerning Joseph Milteer and Willie A. Somerset.

The Review Board is also interested in Miami Police Department records from the Intelligence Division and Investigative Division concerning organized crime activity in the early 1960's as it may have related to the assassination.

In addition, President Kennedy visited Miami on November 18, 1963 just four days before his assassination. The United States Secret Service utilized the services of large numbers of Miami police officers as part of the Presidential protection detail. The Review Board is interested in all records that pertain to that visit, along with the planning, intelligence activities, and follow up work performed. I've enclosed a Warren Commission document from the United States Secret Service that references that trip. I apologize for the poor quality of the copy.

In the second general category I've enclosed a copy of a letter from former Chief of Police Garland Watkins to Robert Lehner, Deputy Chief Counsel to the HSCA. The letter states that a "complete duplication of our Department's Kennedy assassination file" was enclosed. A current review of the HSCA files now at the National Archives revealed only three documents originated by the Miami Police Department. In addition our legislation mandates that we obtain original documents wherever possible. I would like to discuss this with you also.

I understand that former Miami Police Department Captains Kay and Sapp are retired. If you could provide a current address and telephone number for each I would appreciate it. I would also appreciate an address and telephone for Detective Zenoz' next of kin.

I'm hopeful that by providing this much information in advance our meeting will be productive and efficient. Please feel free to call me at ext. 229 if you have any question between now and our meeting. I'm looking forward to meeting you on October 5. Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Anne Buttimer, Esq.