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Dear Mr. Rainsberger:

Please excuse my delay in responding to your letter of July 11, 1995 to Mr. David Marwell of this office. I waited to contact you until a time closer to my travel to Tampa. My travel to Tampa is now confirmed for Monday October 16, 1995. I would like to meet with you in the morning, if possible. Would you be available at 9:00 am or 9:30 am to discuss assassination related records that the Tampa Police Department or other Tampa Public Safety agencies may have?

You mentioned in your letter that you are unsure what records, if any, this Police Department might have that would be relevant to President Kennedy's assassination. President Kennedy visited Tampa on November 18, 1963 as part of his trip to Florida. One of the best summaries of the President's trip to Tampa is found in an article by Frank DeBenedictis entitled "Four Days Before Dallas: JFK in Tampa" published in the Fall/Winter 1994 edition of *Tampa Bay History*. I've enclosed a copy of the article for your review.

The Assassination Records Review Board is seeking the records that the Tampa Police Department created as part of the security detail provided to the President, as well as the several arrests that occurred during his visit. Additionally the Review Board is seeking records maintained by the Tampa Police Department Intelligence Division concerning Cuban exile groups and pro-Castro groups active in Tampa in the weeks and months before the President's visit. For example, VT Lee was director of the Tampa chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) in Tampa in the early 1960's. By the summer of 1963 VT Lee was the national director of the FPCC and received correspondence from Lee Harvey Oswald. This list is not exhaustive and is only representative of the type of records the Review Board is seeking.

I will call you early next week to confirm an appointment time with you. Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Anne Buttimer, Esq.