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Re: Declassification Review of Documents Under the JFK Act

Dear LT Greene:

Confirming our telephone conversations of the past two weeks, I am anxious to submit to the Navy a package of 99 records that we believe probably contain Navy equities and require declassification review in accordance with the JFK Records Act.

Our remaining time is short--the Assassination Records Review Board is a temporary agency that will shut down on September 30, 1998--and therefore, time is of the essence. We have both tried conscientiously to reach each other by telephone the past few days, without success. However, I am in receipt of your voice-mail from Friday, July 24, in which you said it might be preferable for me to deliver the documents to you for examination.

It is important that I notify you, therefore, that the Review Board will make its last decisions on assassination records at its August 25, 1998 meeting. **Consequently, the staff must receive reviewed documents back from other agencies no later than August 20, 1998.**

I stand ready to deliver the records to you at the Navy Yard, if you wish, along with pertinent material on the JFK Act and a JFK Act declassification standards guide--a working tool for review of these records in accordance with unique JFK Act standards.

The sooner I can deliver them to the appropriate, designated Navy point of contact, the more time the Navy will have to review the documents before our August 20 deadline for return of the records.

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For any records that are not reviewed and returned by August 20, 1998, the Review Board will infer that the Navy does not object to any equities it may have in those documents being released, and will act accordingly at its meeting on August 25, 1998.

I look forward to receiving guidance from you as soon as possible. Our staff will deliver the documents wherever you direct within the Washington DC area within twenty-four hours of receiving definitive guidance.

Sincerely,

Douglas P. Horne
Chief Analyst for Military Records

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