

August 4, 1998

HAND-DELIVERED

Chief of Naval Operations
Navy Records Branch (Attn: N09B35A)
901 M Street, SE
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Washington Navy Yard
Washington, D.C. 20374-5071

Re: Declassification Review of Documents Under the JFK Act

Dear LT Greene:

Confirming our telephone conversation of Friday, July 31, 1998, this letter forwards to you records identified by either the ARRB staff, or by other agencies, as likely containing Navy equities.

Along with the designated records that appear to require declassification review by the Navy, I have enclosed a copy of the JFK Act (with appropriate portions highlighted and flagged for your convenience), a declassification procedures guide for reviewing documents in accordance with the JFK Act, and an enclosure list (or receipt) that lists the documents transferred (by National Archives document number).

As you conduct declassification review of these documents, please ensure that JFK Act standards are applied, instead of FOIA or E.O. 12958. The JFK Act, for purposes of declassification review of the records transmitted under cover of this letter, supersedes all other law [see Section 11(a) of the JFK Act] (enclosed). Use of Section 6 of the enclosed copy of the JFK Act, in concert with the enclosed JFK Act Declassification Review and Processing Guide, will ensure that subject records are properly reviewed and marked prior to their return to the Review Board for further processing.

Inasmuch as the Assassination Records Review Board is scheduled to permanently shut down no later than September 30, 1998, I must ask that the Navy do all it can to expedite declassification review and return these records to the Review Board staff no

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later than August 20, 1998. (In most cases, the information is 35 or 36 years old, and numerous other agencies have already consented to release of all, or most, of the material requiring review.) The Review Board members are presently scheduled to vote on whether or not to open these records at their August 25, 1998 meeting, which is the last meeting at which the Board intends to review records. In cases where replies have not been received for particular records, the Review Board will infer that the Navy does not object to its equities in that record being opened in full, and will act accordingly.

Please contact me at (202) 724-0088 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Douglas P. Horne
Chief Analyst for Military Records

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