

September 25, 1998

Ms. Megan Desnoyers
Supervisory Archivist
The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library
Columbia Point
Boston, MA 02125

Dear Megan:

On behalf of the Review Board, I am writing to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for all of your hard work, and that of your outstanding staff and interns, at the Kennedy Library. My work with the Kennedy Library has been the most interesting and challenging part of my assignment with the Review Board. I also want to let you know how grateful I am to your graciousness and hospitality during my visits to the Library over the summer.

Although we have both faced a number of roadblocks between the Review Board and the Library, I believe that our working relationship and ability to keep the lines of communication open cleared many of them away. I also appreciate your efforts in enabling the Review Board to have access to the Manchester papers, and for facilitating contacts with members of the Kennedy family. I am sure that I don't have to tell you that working with Stephanie Fawcett has also been a tremendous experience; it is a great relief to know that things are not only being done, but are being done right. In the end, your patience and perseverance has paid off. I believe the Kennedy Library has made a truly valuable contribution to the JFK Collection, and I feel fortunate that I was able to have the opportunity to work with you. I have also learned a great deal about the presidential libraries from this experience and have a much greater appreciation for the nature and the scope of their work.

I was sad to learn that you need to take additional time to recover from your surgery. Your colleagues on the Board have also expressed their concern and wish you well.

Thank you once again for your hard work and professionalism.

Warm regards,

Irene F. Marr

September 25, 1998

Ms. Stephanie Fawcett
Senior Foreign Policy Archivist
The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library
Columbia Point
Boston, MA 02125

Dear Stephanie:

With only days remaining until the Review Board closes for business, I wanted to make sure that I thanked some of the people who made it easier for me to accomplish my work. I give special thanks to you, Megan Desnoyers and Mary Kennefick at the Kennedy Library. My work with the Kennedy Library has been the most interesting and challenging part of my assignment at the Review Board. I believe that you in particular have been one of the key players in allaying the Board's concerns about the release of records by the Kennedy Library. You did a superb job with the compliance program.

I have been truly impressed with your professionalism and diligence, particularly over the past several months. We are most fortunate that you volunteered to fill the vacuum after Megan left for extended leave. Although some of the more vexing matters have not been resolved, I am confident that you will ensure that they are carried through after the Review Board expires on September 30. I appreciate your willingness to always go the extra mile, particularly when you made a special visit to Washington to brief the Board. I am also grateful for your efforts regarding the still unresolved RFK papers and the Sheridan papers, as well as your work on the presidential recordings. In addition, your keeping me informed every step of the way has been extremely helpful.

I believe the Kennedy Library has made a unique contribution to the JFK Collection, and I feel fortunate that I was able to have the opportunity to work with you. I know the Library will be sad to lose you to another organization. I wish you the very best of luck in your new position.

Thank you once again for your outstanding work.

Warm regards,

Irene F. Marr