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Dear Gary:

I am writing in response to your letter of July 26, 1996, which enclosed a FOIA-redacted copy of a four-page outline with the caption "Federal Bureau of Investigation." I am able to respond to at least some of the issues your letter raised.

After some effort, we were finally able to locate an unredacted copy of the document in the FBI files as well as a less redacted version that was, according to the Bureau, released pursuant to a FOIA request.¹ A copy of this supplemental release is enclosed. The unredacted version is not on the Review Board's immediate agenda, although it will be reviewed in the future.

The document was found in an FBI Headquarters file that the Bureau independently identified for processing under the JFK Act. This file is part of a series of administrative "soft files" maintained by FBI personnel who interacted with the House Select Committee on Assassinations. These materials were not "serialized" or indexed to the FBI's central records system. From a researcher's point of view, they supplement the "official" FBI Headquarters file on its liaison with the HSCA, which is numbered 62-117290. Among other types of documents, they contain "ticklers" of the sort described in your letter.

¹The FBI independently advised us that these materials were processed in response to a FOIA request from Mark Allen, and that this outline was part of what the FBI refers to as "release 18" to Mark Allen.

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The FBI's administrative "soft files" on its dealings with the HSCA do not appear to be arranged in any identifiable order. This makes it difficult for us to ascertain when, by whom, or for what purpose this outline was created.² The outline's tone and substance, as well as the generality of its caption ("Federal Bureau of Investigation"), might support the hypothesis that an HSCA staffer wrote it as a checklist of FBI-related subjects that the Congressional investigation wished to explore, and that it at some point was shared with (or otherwise came into the possession of) the FBI. We have not found a copy of this outline in the HSCA's own files or anywhere else in the body of assassination records.

I hope that this information is of use to you. As always, we appreciate your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn
General Counsel and
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Enclosure

cc: James Lesar, Esq. (w/enclosure)

²The FBI describes the contents of the file folder containing this outline only as "steno notebook and loose papers." In addition to this outline, the file folder contains several sheets of stenographer's paper with handwritten notes that do not seem to correspond to the points on the outline.