Date

Mr. Charles Battaglia
Staff Director
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
Washington, D.C. _____

Dear Charlie:

During our meeting of March 21, 1996, my staff and I discussed with you the importance we place on identifying and reviewing Church Committee records that fall within the scope of The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994) (JFK Act).   As one example of a category of records that we believe is important for our efforts, we provided your staff with a list of   Church Committee transcripts that were relevant to the assassination of   President Kennedy but that had *not* been identified by the SSCI during its original file search under the JFK Act.   We received assurances from your staff that these transcripts would be made available within a reasonable time.

Despite a number of reminders to the Committee to follow up with this and related items, we have not yet been provided access to these unprocessed records.   We, like all government offices these days, understand that we live in a world of scarce resources and limited time and that the SSCI is under constraints not unlike those that affect the agencies with which we deal.

In order to assist your Committee -- and to help us fulfill our legal responsibilities -- we would like to renew our offer to assume the burden, along with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), of reviewing and processing these records under the JFK Act.

As we indicated earlier this year, the House reached an agreement with the National Archives for the processing of the records of the House Select Committee on Assassinations.   We are enclosing a draft Memo of Understanding that would similarly relieve your staff of a time-consuming obligation and permit us to complete our responsibilities for Church Committee records under the JFK Act before the end of this, our final mandated year of operation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director