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Re: Evelyn Lincoln Papers and Mr. Robert White

Dear Mr. Glassman:

Thank you very much for your February 24, 1997 response to my letter of February 3.

Although we had not thought that your client, Mr. Robert White, had possession of "any assassination related artifacts and/or memorabilia originating from the Lincoln Will or from any other source," we appreciate your confirmation of that fact for us. We also appreciate your having discussed with Mr. White the nature of Mrs. Lincoln's records and your informing us that he was unaware of any assassination-related material in the Lincoln Papers. Although we have no reason to doubt his or your sincerity in this matter, it is of course entirely possible that information that may look unremarkable to him might be of significant importance to us in our work.

Let me offer one example. It is our understanding that the U.S. Federal government provided Mrs. Lincoln with an office in the National Archives after the assassination. During that time, she had custody of materials that had been prepared at the autopsy of President Kennedy. These materials were subsequently donated to the U.S. government by the Kennedy family. At the time the autopsy materials were inventoried, however, it was determined that some of the materials were missing. I am sure that you can understand that the U.S. Government has an interest in pursuing all leads relative to materials that had been in the custody of Mrs. Lincoln and that subsequently were found to be missing. For this reason, cryptic notes that might appear innocuous to one reader might be highly relevant to us. As a lawyer, I am sure that you understand that there may be a substantial difference between what a lawyer might (honestly) say about what he believes his client knows, and what his client might be able to describe to others.

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Although we certainly would assume that the vast majority of Mr. White's collection of Kennedy memorabilia constitutes a "celebration of his life and times," we continue to be interested in receiving a conscientious understanding of the records that Mrs. Lincoln left. Thus, we still wish to have an informal discussion with Mr. White at a time and place that would be convenient for him. Most people whom we have contacted in the course of our work have been agreeable to such discussions. Others, because of the nature of their testimony, have requested that we issue subpoenas. (We also have employed our statutory authority to provide witness immunity.) Although we prefer not to issue subpoenas unless necessary, we would be perfectly willing to do so if you believe that to be the most effective and advisable manner for us to proceed.

Again, we would simply prefer to have an informal discussion with Mr. White, but we are willing to proceed differently if you so advise.

I appreciate your timely response to my first letter and I trust that you will again respond promptly. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can answer any of your questions.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn
General Counsel