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Dear Joe:

I would like to thank you again for the hospitality you extended at your firm. It was a pleasure to meet with you and Mr. Manchester.

As promised, I am enclosing photocopies of what we believe is a complete set of the House Select Committee on Assassination (HSCA) documents that were made from Mr. Manchester's files. David Marwell separately sent Mr. Manchester a duplicate set of these records. I am enclosing a copy of his cover letter.

It is my understanding that Mr. Manchester generously made his *Death of a President* files (excepting the Robert and Jacqueline interviews) available to committee investigators and that they marked several of the records for copying. Mr. Manchester's secretary made the photocopies and sent them to the HSCA.

The enclosed records are very interesting. Interviewees whose notes are available include several Secret Service agents (Bill Greer, Gerry Bruno, Bob Foster, Forrest Sorrels, William Peterson, Lem Johns, Gerald Behn, and Rufus Youngblood); Admiral George Burkley (President Kennedy's personal physician who was with him in Dallas and who was present at the autopsy); Steven Smith (President Kennedy's brother-in-law); Angela Novello (Robert Kennedy's secretary); presidential advisers (Pierre Salinger, Ken O'Donnell, and McGeorge Bundy); Earl Warren; J. Edgar Hoover; John McCone; and Governor John Connally.

We believe that some of Mr. Manchester's concerns can easily be addressed. For example, we are not seeking to have the original records sent to Washington and we are not now requesting access to the Robert and Jacqueline Kennedy interviews. With regard to privacy issues, it is entirely possible that many of the issues were sensitive in 1963 are no longer so -- or that some such issues are now a matter of public knowledge. We are willing to discuss such issues with you. To the extent that Mr.

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Manchester has copyright or tax concerns, we would be happy to work with you in an attempt to find a satisfactory resolution. Please let me know of any such concerns that we might be able to address.

At this point, the Review Board is merely seeking to review the *Death of a President* records. The Board, of course, does have subpoena powers. And, as you are aware, it is a commonplace in civil disputes for one party to have access to documents in another's possession. Although we do not believe that there is anything that is legally exceptional in our wish to examine the records, we would nevertheless very much prefer to work out an arrangement that satisfies as many of Mr. Manchester's wishes as possible (and spares all concerned the cost of needless litigation). We would very much appreciate any suggestions that you might have as to how this might best be accomplished. In any case, we are now awaiting Megan Desnoyers' inventory of Mr. Manchester's materials.

It was indeed a pleasure to meet you and I hope to be speaking with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn
General Counsel and
Associate Director for Research and Analysis

Enclosures

cc: Elizabeth A. Pugh, Esq.