

November 7, 1996

Mr. Michael J. Ravnitzky
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Dear Mr. Ravnitzky:

Thank you for your letter dated October 17, 1996. Although your letter states that you previously asked us for records related to a group of people whom you identify, our records suggest that you have in fact added some additional names to your list and that it does not merely repeat those names that you proposed earlier.

You should be aware that we have received several hundred requests for us to search out files, records, and names. Many people who make such requests expect us make their requests priorities and to keep them updated with regard to our work. If we were to pursue every suggestion and to keep everyone updated, it would take many more resources and take far longer than Congress has provided us. Although you no doubt feel very strongly about your own requests, you should be aware that there are many others who have equally strong feelings about priorities with which you may not agree.

We do our best to review correspondence and to follow through on leads that we believe will help provide information related to the assassination of President Kennedy. Although we cannot possibly be expected to satisfy everyone, we are doing our best to pursue the most fruitful leads that we can identify.

Although we do not keep people posted on the status of their requests, you should be assured that we have taken your correspondence seriously and that we have already requested records and information related to your request. You should understand that simply because you believe that a file *might* contain information related to the assassination, that does not mean that the file *does* contain such information. If we review a file that you have identified and there is no assassination-related information therein, we do not have the authority to make the file available to the public. Thus, simply because a person *requests* a file, it does not mean that the file ultimately *will* be released. However, whenever we identify assassination-related material, we immediately designate it for inclusion in the JFK Collection.

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Thank you for your interest in the work of the Board, and I hope that this letter helps answer some of your questions.

Sincerely,

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