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Re: Follow-up to ARRB Request No. SS-9 (Letters of Understanding Regarding Presidential Protection, Protective Research Packet, PRS-WHD Notes and COS Records)

Dear Jane:

Thank you for your letter of December 5, 1996, which responded to our October 10, 1996 letter regarding the above-referenced request for information. We appreciate your search of the files that we suggested and your willingness to forward to us the documents that you identified that were responsive to our requests.

I am now writing to request some additional clarification. I will discuss the issues in the same that we raised them and in which you have responded.

Paragraph 1: military backup. We requested that you identify all elements of the United States military community with whom the Secret Service had written agreements regarding presidential protection at any time between 1958 and 1964. We understand your response to be that you were unable to locate any documents that incorporated any such possible agreements.

As you are probably aware, it is commonly believed (rightly or wrongly) that the Army has had responsibility for providing backup security for Presidents during their travels. It has been specifically alleged that there was an order for the military to "stand down" from this standard practice during President Kennedy's trip to Dallas in November, 1963. We would like to determine whether this was true. Although we accept your representation that you were unable to find any documents incorporating such agreements, we nevertheless request that the Secret Service clearly state whether or not there were any agreements with any component of the military to provide security assistance to the

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Secret Service. Hence, we renew our request that the Secret Service “[i]dentify all elements of the United States military community . . . with whom the Secret Service had a written agreement regarding presidential protection”

Paragraph 2: PRS and White House Detail records from November, 1963. We understand that you were unable to locate any additional records in response to this request. The types of records in which we are interested are suggested by the enclosed memo by Robert Bouck dated December 3, 1963. We ask that you consider, with this additional information, whether any additional searches might be reasonable. In order to provide some additional suggestions for your consideration, we request that you search the following files: MNO-85-0008: Box 235, 125.31; Box 237, 600.42 (Dallas, Houston, Austin); Box 238, 600.42(U.S.S.S. Field); Box 240, 602.110 (Austin, Dallas, Houston); Box 251, 619.0 and 650.0; Box 16, 207.1; Box 230, 120.0; Box 236, 600.0; Box 239, 601.0; and Box 252.

[2. Administrative File Information. Please provide materials that fully describe Secret Service filing, record management, and disposal procedures in effect in 1963, including any material that describes the numerical categories for filing different types of information in Secret Service offices in 1963. In conducting your search, you should review all appropriate Secret Service files, including MNO-85-0012, Box 16-B; Box 5-B, 132.11 and 140.0; Box 8-B, 102.0; Box 227; and Box 229, 102.9 **Joan: why do you have this in this document? I don't see it as part of SS-9.]**

Paragraph 3: COS Records. Since sending our original request to you regarding the meaning of “COS,” we have located the enclosed HSCA interview with Assistant Special Agent Maurice Martineau (Chicago), which refers to “COS” material in 1963. Does this document affect your prior response? In addition, would you please examine files from Chief Rowley’s office where Agent Martineau’s correspondence for 1963 and 1964 would have been placed? **Joan: did you yourself see “COS” on any file boxes that you saw? I have a recollection that once you told me you had seen them, but I may be mistaken.**

4. Special Agent Noonan’s notebooks and files. I am also enclosing a portion of the HSCA interview with SA Joseph Noonan(Chicago). On page 4, Noonan mentioned that agents from the Chicago office were instructed to send “memos, files and...notebooks to Washington.” We ask that you examine your files from the Chief’s office in 1963, for Noonan’s materials and that you make the complete Mosely/Homer Echevarria file(s) available for our inspection. In preparing your response, please examine the contents of MNO-85-0012, Box 86, 702.21 and

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703.1; and Box 229, 111. **Joan: what is the relevance of this paragraph to SS-9?**
We request that you make these records available to us by February 19, 1997.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Donald Personette

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