

March 13, 1997

Mr. Steve Sergek
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Dear Mr. Sergek:

I am writing to request clarification of your current plans to locate and review documents relevant to the assassination of President Kennedy. John Machado has indicated to us that you have participated in discussions pertaining to Secret Service responses to our requests. As you know, the Assassination Records Review Board has developed an active correspondence with Deputy Assistant Director Jane Vezeris on a variety of issues related to Secret Service review of records. We have recently learned from John Machado that Jane Vezeris is ill and that she will not be able to respond to our inquiries for at least two or three months.

Since the beginning of 1997, we have sent several letters to Jane Vezeris and Donald Personette that have gone unanswered. For example, on January 6, we requested materials from the White House detail (SS-11). We also asked that you provide us with "COS" material and information on military backup for the Secret Service (follow up to SS-9). We had expected to receive your replies on February 12 and February 19. On March 5, 1997, we were expecting your reply to our request (SS-12) for information on your filing system and inventories. We are concerned that the Secret Service might begin falling too far behind schedule especially since more deadlines are coming up within the next several weeks.

Would you please call me before March 21, 1997, so we can discuss your plans for proceeding in the absence of Jane Vezeris? My telephone number is (202) 724-0088, ex. 232.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Donald Personette
Ms. Jane E. Vezeris
Mr. John Machado