

May 5, 1997

Mr. John Machado
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United States Secret Service
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Re: US Secret Service Letter of April 29, 1997

Dear John:

I have reviewed your letter of April 29, 1997, and I appreciate your responses to several letters from our office over the past four months. Your letter raises an issue that needs clarification.

In your response to David Marwell's letter to Jane Vezeris dated February 13, 1997, you mentioned a "PROTECT Subject Abstract," Case NR: 127-671-0018686. As it turns out, this number refers to abstracts for two different individuals. One was Richard Lauchli [154-10002-10430]. At its January 29-30, 1997 meeting, the Assassination Records Review Board voted not to sustain any postponements in this document, and we notified you of this vote in David Marwell's February 13, 1997 letter to Jane Vezeris. Your April 29, 1997 letter indicates that you have forwarded this "PROTECT Subject Abstract" for Richard Lauchli to NARA.

The "PROTECT Subject Abstract" of the second individual whose number (Case NR: 127-671-0018686) is identical to Lauchli's was also considered at the Review Board's January 29-30, 1997 meeting. Section I of David Marwell's February 13, 1997 letter stated that the Review Board had designated this document, which was enclosed with Jane Vezeris's letter of January 3, 1997, an "assassination record." In order to assist you in clarifying which document this is, I am sending a copy of Jane Vezeris's January 3, 1997 letter along with a copy of the Abstract for Case NR: 127-671-0018686. The February 13, 1997 letter requested that the Secret Service process this document by March 10, 1997. If you have already done so, please indicate the RIF number to us. If

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you have not yet processed this document, please follow the procedure outlined in our May 29, 1996 letter by May 19, 1997.

If you have any questions about this matter, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely yours,

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