

July 22, 1996

Ms. Jane E. Vezeris
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United States Secret Service
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Re: US Secret Service Letter of June 24, 1996

Dear Jane:

I have your letter of June 24, 1996, responding to my letter of April 23, 1996. Your letter offers further elaboration of your arguments against full release of two memos by HSCA Staff member Eileen Dinneen (180-10087-10302 and 180-10103-10465) and 413 individual sheets (180-10065-10379) compiled by Dinneen for the House Select Committee.

We understand from your letter that the Secret Service is willing to release all information in these three items with the exception of names of individuals who were targets of the Service's protective investigations. We further understand that the Service is willing to release names of those individuals who, in your view, were associated with the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. Your discussion on page 2 suggests that at least 16 and possibly 42 names are therefore candidates for release.

At its July 9-10, 1996 meeting, the Assassination Records Review Board carefully considered your arguments regarding privacy and the Secret Service's relationship with the mental health community. The Board decided to provide the Secret Service with 60 additional days, until September 23, 1996, in which to prepare specific evidence to support your claim that certain names should remain confidential, or that an individual's privacy interests would be violated as a result of release or that an identifiable person from the mental health community supplied information regarding a target of Secret Service interest. In particular, the Review Board is requesting evidence of a confidential relationship between either (a) the individuals named and identifiable members of the mental health community, or (b) between an individual mental health professional and a government agent in those

cases where any kind of mental health issue is mentioned in the document. The Review Board would like to provide the Secret Service this additional time in order to ensure that all evidence responding to Section 6 criteria can be fully considered.

Our review of Eileen Dinneen's summary sheets (180-10065-10379) indicates that the following 115 pages include references to mental health issues *and* commitment to a mental health facility (implying an evaluation by a mental health professional):

2, 5, 6 [reference to doctor's opinion], 11, 35 [in a home], 38, 50 [reference to mental treatment], 53, 55- 57 [reference to doctor's opinion], 61, 62, 64, 65, 67, 70, 71, 73 -79, 81, 84, 86- 90, 94, 96, 97, 99-103, 107, 109, 111-119, 122, 125, 126, 128, 131-135, 138, 140-140, 144, 147,151, 153, 156-158, 162-164, 169, 170- 172, 192, 196, 214, 218, 221, 222, 224, 225, 228, 233, 241, 250 [reference to doctor's opinion], 256, 259, 270, 271, 275, 277, 278, 288, 291, 297, 299-301, 307, 308, 310, 326, 327, 351, 371, 379, 380, 383, 406, and 413.

Of the names on this list, forty-one also appear on the following pages of Dinneen's memo (180-10103-10465): 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16.

At the end of the 60 day period, the Board will open the names of the above listed individuals for whom the Secret Service has provided no evidence for postponement. If the Secret Service provides evidence that meets the standards for a § 6(3), (4), or (5) postponement, the Board will consider postponing those individual names.

If you have questions about the Service's obligations under the JFK Act before the September 23, 1996 deadline, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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Executive Director

cc: Donald Personette