

February 5, 1998

LCDR R. Bastein, JAGC, USN  
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Re: Office of Naval Intelligence Equities in the Records of the Warren Commission  
Subject to *The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act*  
*of 1992*, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994)

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Dear LCDR Bastein:

The staff of the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Review Board has identified a number of documents from the records of the Warren Commission, in which your agency has equities. Enclosed, you will find these documents, which are identified by RIF Numbers as follows:

- RIF #179-40001-10040
- RIF #179-40001-10405
- RIF #179-40001-10215
- RIF #179-40002-10299
- RIF #179-40002-10335
- RIF #179-40002-10043
- RIF #179-40001-10412
- RIF #179-40002-10417
- RIF #179-40002-10242
- RIF #179-40001-10286

Since you are the individual whom the Navy has designated responsible for compliance with the JFK Act, we are transmitting these documents to you now so that you can decide whether you wish to postpone release of the information in question. Please keep in mind the provisions of the JFK Act which anticipate that information will be withheld from public release only in "the rarest cases" and only pursuant to one of the provisions of Section 6 of the Act.

The Review Board will consider these documents at its March 10, 1998 meeting. So that we may adequately prepare our presentation to the Review Board with the benefit of any submission you wish

to make, you must submit evidence or arguments in support of any postponements you choose to assert in writing no later than March 2, 1998. If you do not respond to this letter by the above deadline, we will assume that your

agency intends to release in full its equities in the Warren Commission records at issue, and we will recommend that the Review Board vote to release in full your agency's equities in these records.

Should you have any questions, please contact Kim Herd at (202) 724-0088. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn  
Executive Director

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