

October 6, 1995

Mr. K. Brian London, Director
Office of Investigations
United States Customs Service
1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20229

Re: United States Customs Service's Compliance with the JFK Assassination Records
Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107

Dear Mr. London:

I am writing to follow up my conversation yesterday with Bruce Miller of your office regarding the JFK Act's requirement to preserve all assassination records.

On Friday, September 29, I spoke to Richard Marcus of the National Archives about his duties with regard to Customs records. During our conversation, he mentioned that U.S. Customs has many old records that it did not destroy according to schedule. I told Mr. Marcus that, although I understood his general responsibilities regarding implementation of records schedules, the Review Board must ensure that no U.S. Customs records relating to the assassination are destroyed. Mr. Miller assured me that U.S. Customs has not scheduled for destruction any records from the relevant time period. I am writing to confirm his assurance and to reiterate that the JFK Act states that, "No assassination record shall be destroyed, altered, or mutilated in any way." 44 U.S.C. § 2107(5)(a)(2) (1992).

Because we are unsure about the contents of so many of the boxes at the Federal Records Center at Suitland, Maryland, and because we will be visiting Suitland to review documents in the near future, we ask that U.S. Customs help us to ensure that U.S. Customs records from the late 1950s until the late 1970s at Suitland are preserved, until Review Board staff has an opportunity to review the records.

We look forward to Mr. Miller's letter documenting his search for assassination records from Customs field offices around the country and the trip to the Federal Records Center with members of your staff. Again, thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

Sincerely,

Laura Denk

Mr. K. Brian London
October 6, 1995
Page 3

cc: Mr. Bruce Miller
Ms. Gloria Marshall

Mr. K. Brian London
October 6, 1995
Page 4

bcc: Mr. Steve Tilley