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Re: Status of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms' Compliance with the JFK
Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. Sect. 2107

Dear Mr. Pritchett:

On July 13, 1995, Director Magaw informed the Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB) that you had been designated your agency's contact person regarding implementation of the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act ("the JFK Act"). In the Director's letter, we were "assured that ATF intends to fully cooperate" with the ARRB.

On August 22, 1995, David Marwell, the Executive Director of the ARRB, requested certain basic information about the status of the ATF's implementation of the JFK Act. I am enclosing a copy of that letter. We have received no response.

As my colleague Dennis Quinn and I have explained in phone conversations with you, the ATF has obligations in addition to responding to NARA's referral of ATF documents that were in the custody of NARA before the JFK Act was passed. The ATF is required to conduct a thorough search for any assassination records it may have, review them under the standards of the JFK Act, create electronic identification aids, and send the records and their identification aids to the JFK Assassination Records Collection at the NARA II facility in College Park, Maryland. Indeed, this process was to have been completed by August 1993.

To date, the JFK Assassination Records Collection at NARA II has received *no* ATF records transferred pursuant to the JFK Act. We have asked you, *inter alia*, for documentation of any ATF search for records responsive to the JFK Act, but you have provided none. In short, we have yet to encounter the full cooperation pledged by Director Magaw.

Please provide the information requested in the August 22, 1995 letter by Friday, November 3 so that we can begin to work together to implement the JFK Act.

Sincerely yours,

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