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Ms. Carol L. Keeley
JFK Task Force
Federal Bureau of Investigation
10th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

Re: Outstanding Referrals from the HSCA Numbered Files

Dear Ms. Keeley:

As you are aware, in 1993 the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) referred a large number of assassination records from the numbered files of the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) to the FBI for postponement review under the JFK Act. In recent months, members of our staff have identified within this referred set many records that we believed the Bureau would agree to release in full under the standards of the JFK Act. With very few exceptions, the FBI has consented to the release of the records called to your attention in this manner.

For the most part, therefore, the referrals that remain outstanding are records that, for various reasons, the FBI did not of the from teh of National ArchivesThe Assassination Records Review Board staff has identified a number of FBI documents that we intend to present to the Review Board for review of your proposed postponements. These documents are identified in the enclosed forms. As stated in the forms, we request that you provide us with any document-specific evidence or arguments you may wish the Review Board to consider regarding these postponements by January 3, 1997. Although the enclosed forms suggest that you submit such evidence or arguments in writing, we will be happy to discuss with you other means of presentation that may be more convenient or practicable (e.g., formal presentations to, or informal meetings with, ARRB staff members). If you wish at this time to provide evidence in support of postponements in any other assassination records, we will prepare those records for Board review also.

We have attempted to identify separately the duplicates of each of the identified documents, wherever they may occur in the FBI's core and related files. However, if in some case we have failed to do so, please understand that the Review Board's decision with regard to one document will apply to claimed postponements regarding the same material in duplicate documents.

Many of the documents identified in the enclosed forms contain information now withheld from the public on "NAR" grounds. We believe that, in the large majority of these documents, the information that the FBI designated "NAR" would, in the eyes of the ARRB staff, fall under Part III of the "NBR" Guidelines adopted by the Review Board at its last meeting.¹ Accordingly, if the FBI wishes the Review Board to postpone any such information under the standards set out in Part III of the "NBR" Guidelines, we request that you: (a) identify which parts of the current "NAR" redactions you wish to have postponed under Part III of the "NBR" Guidelines; and (b) identify which provisions of Section 6 of the JFK Act are relevant to the postponements claimed under Part III of the "NBR" Guidelines.

In the event that a document identified in one of the enclosed forms contains third-agency information that is now withheld from the public, we request that you: (a) identify the third agency; and (b) state whether you have previously referred the withheld information to the third agency for review under the JFK Act.

If you have any questions about these proposed procedures for reviewing "NAR" redactions, please do not hesitate to bring them to our attention.

Thank you for your continuing cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

¹If in any document there is information withheld on "NAR" grounds that the ARRB staff believes may be relevant to the assassination of President Kennedy, we shall so advise you before we present this document to the Review Board.

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

Enclosures