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Ms. Carol L. Keeley  
JFK Task Force  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Washington, D.C. 20535

Re: Review of FBI Equities in HSCA Files

Dear Carol:

As members of the Review Board staff have discussed with you, we regard the files of the House Select Committee on Assassinations (the HSCA) as among the most significant sets of assassination records. We now would like to take steps to ensure that these records are reviewed and released in an expeditious manner.

Many records in the HSCA files that have not yet been released to the public under the JFK Act contain FBI equities. These records comprise: (a) the records from the HSCA's numbered files that NARA referred to the FBI in 1993; and (b) records with FBI equities from the HSCA's security-classified files, which NARA has not previously referred to the FBI. The latter set of records is now available for review by FBI personnel in our offices; alternatively, we will take these records to your offices for review on a rolling basis. As the enclosed list indicates, we have identified the large majority of records with FBI equities from the security-classified files as duplicates of records already processed by the FBI in its own files.<sup>1</sup>

It is our intent to discharge the Review Board's responsibilities concerning these records before the end of the fiscal year. Accordingly, we request that the FBI adhere to the following timetable for reviewing FBI equities in these records:

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<sup>1</sup>Documents listed in **boldface** on the enclosed list are either (a) duplicates of records that may still have postponements as processed in FBI files under the JFK Act; or (b) documents that we have not been able to identify as duplicates of records identified by the FBI as responsive to the JFK Act.

*By March 26*, review the copies of FBI records in HSCA files and identify to the Review Board staff any such records that present new postponement issues or that contain information that the Review Board has already voted to postpone in FBI records. At the meeting on April 2-3, we intend to recommend that the Review Board vote to open in full all copies of FBI records appearing in HSCA files that you have not so identified.

*By May 5*, provide evidence or arguments in support of claimed postponements in HSCA records that are copies of FBI records and that were identified as having new postponement issues. At the meeting on May 12-13, we intend to present these claimed postponements to the Review Board.

*By July 22*, provide evidence or arguments in support of claimed postponements in all other HSCA records with FBI equities. This category of records would include, for example, summaries of reviewed FBI files prepared by HSCA staff members and transcripts of testimony of FBI employees. We intend to present these claimed postponements to the Review Board at a meeting to be scheduled in August.

If you have any questions about this way of proceeding, please do not hesitate to contact us. As always, thank you for your continuing cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

T. Jeremy Gunn  
General Counsel and  
Associate Director for Research and Analysis

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