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Dear Mr. Goyeneche:

I am writing to follow up on the records review conducted by ARRB staff members earlier this month in New Orleans.

First, I wish to express appreciation for the hospitality and cooperation of Mr. Anthony Radosti and Mr. Warren DeBrueys. Their assistance made it possible for our staff to have a productive trip. I should further note that the staff of Records Management & Protection, Inc., was also extremely helpful.

As you are aware, we identified a number of documents at the Records Management warehouse we would like to obtain for inclusion in the JFK Assassination Records Collection of the National Archives. The nine boxes of MCC records that Mr. DeBrueys made available for us to review at his home also contain documents of interest to us for the same purpose. A description of the records we would like to have copied is enclosed.

In New Orleans, our staff preliminarily discussed with Mr. Radosti and Records Management personnel how to make copies of the documents we have identified. Records Management has offered to retain a "temp" to make the necessary copies at the Record Management warehouse, sending the copies to us and charging the MCC for what it pays the temporary service. The ARRB would then fully reimburse the MCC. The ARRB would also provide archival bond paper on which to make the copies.

With your approval, we would like to proceed in this fashion for both the documents identified in our review at the Records Management warehouse and those of interest to us in the nine boxes of MCC

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records at Mr. DeBrueys' home.¹ We anticipate sending a staff member to New Orleans to supervise and spot-check the copying process. We would like to schedule this trip at your earliest convenience in July or August. At that time, we would also like to determine whether there are any documents at the MCC office potentially relevant to our work (for example, additional material from Guy Banister's files or from files on Carlos Marcello or other organized crime figures of interest to the House Select Committee on Assassinations).

Both Mr. Radosti and Mr. DeBrueys have stated they wish to ensure that names of confidential informants that may appear in these documents are not publicly divulged. Based on our review, we believe that this concern might apply only to a small percentage of the documents in which we are interested. However, wherever a document describes a person as having provided information confidentially, you could redact the name of that person in a copy of the document before our archive copies are made. We could then make archive copies of the document in redacted and unredacted form. This procedure would allow us to follow the practice applicable to Federal assassination records containing redactions: namely, to send to the National Archives redacted and unredacted copies, with the instruction that the unredacted copies be withheld until a future date (*e.g.*, ten years from now).

Please contact Phil Golrick of our staff if you have any questions or concerns about the proposals outlined above. Once again, thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

¹Records Management has advised that it can transport these boxes from Mr. DeBrueys' home to its warehouse and return them when copying is completed. Box 31 at Mr. DeBrueys' home contains, in addition to paper records, several audio recordings in various formats that appear to relate to Jim Garrison's investigation of the assassination. We would prefer to arrange for the National Archives in Washington, D.C. to make archival-quality copies of these recordings, after which we would return the originals to you.