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VIA FIRST-CLASS MAIL

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Re: Treatment of Certain FOIA Files of the United States Department of Justice Under the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107

Dear Ms. Pustay:

This is to advise you that the Assassination Records Review Board ("Review Board") staff has completed its review of the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") files of the Department of Justice's Office of Information & Privacy ("OIP") and determined that they need not be designated at this time as assassination records under the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act ("JFK Act").

The FOIA files relate to either initial FOIA requests directed to leadership offices of the Department of Justice (*e.g.*, Attorney General, Deputy Attorneys General, and Associate Attorneys General) or administrative appeals from FOIA decisions of any component of the Department of Justice. The ARRB staff's independent review confirmed that these files, which do relate to FOIA requests for assassination-related materials, merely contain routine correspondence and internal documentation regarding the processing of the FOIA request.

However, we do request that you provide the Review Board with a copy of the FOIA administrative appeal file (No. 91-1190) so that we may pursue with the FBI certain issues in connection with its Mexico City Legat records.

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For your information, we enclose the Review Board staff memorandum summarizing the FOIA files of OIP that you made available.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell

Executive Director

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