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BY FACSIMILE & FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Mr. Nelson Hermilla  
Chief, Freedom of Information/  
Privacy Acts Branch  
Civil Rights Division  
U.S. Department of Justice  
1425 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Re: United States Department of Justice Civil Rights Division's Compliance with  
the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107

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Dear Mr. Hermilla:

Thank you for submitting your Final Declaration of Compliance for the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice (dated July 2, 1997), which sets forth the Civil Rights Division's final, sworn statement regarding its compliance with the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 ("JFK Act").

We have reviewed the Civil Rights Division's Final Declaration of Compliance and have concluded that the Division's work under the JFK Act is complete. Furthermore, we do not anticipate conducting a compliance deposition. The Review Board might request that the Division conduct additional record searches if we acquire information suggesting that you might have additional records relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. Should the Civil Rights Division locate any additional records relating to the assassination, please transmit those records to the Chief of the JFK Assassination Records Collection ("JFK Collection") at the National Archives and Records Administration ("NARA").

It is our understanding that the Division has identified the following assassination-related records and has transmitted them to the JFK Collection: (1) Department of Justice file no. 144-32-1220, which contains documents alleging civil rights violations in connection with Jim Garrison's prosecution of Clay Shaw for conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy and (2) an index card or cards for the

destroyed Department of  
Justice file no. 144-017-73, which had contained a memorandum regarding the disposition of certain  
papers of Jack Ruby (an index card summarizes information contained in the destroyed memo).  
Please advise us if our understanding is inaccurate.

Please contact me if you have any further questions, and thank you again for your cooperation in  
meeting the requirements of the Review Board's Compliance Program under the JFK Act.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn  
Executive Director

cc: Steven D. Tilley, Chief, JFK Assassination Records Collection,  
NARA