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Re: FBI Compliance with the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act

Dear Carol:

Thank you for meeting on April 9 with Laura Denk, Kevin Tiernan, and I to discuss the contents and submission of the FBI's Final Declaration of Compliance under the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act ("JFK Act").

Based on our meeting, it is our understanding that the FBI will submit its Final Declaration to the Review Board by August 1, 1998. In addition, we understand that the FBI will undertake the following as part of its efforts to demonstrate that it has diligently searched for all records relating to the assassination of President Kennedy:

1. The FBI will include with its Final Declaration copies of the index cards that it has maintained and that identify the main FBI files for key assassination-related subjects -- Lee Harvey Oswald, Marina Oswald, Jack Ruby, and John F. Kennedy. These index cards will be copied from FBI Headquarters, as well as from the Dallas, New Orleans, Mexico City, and Washington, D.C. field offices. In this manner, it is our hope that the public will see first hand, from the FBI's own indices, what main records the FBI has relating to Oswald and the assassination.
2. The FBI will include with its Final Declaration the search results for any ELSUR (electronic surveillance) relating to these same key assassination-related subjects (*i.e.*, Lee and Marina Oswald, Jack Ruby, and John F. Kennedy). To the extent the search results are not

self-explanatory, please describe in layman's terms in the Final Declaration what ELSUR records were identified by the FBI's searches.

3. As part of documenting its search efforts under the JFK Act, both generally and in response to Review Board requests, the FBI has agreed that relevant portions of its JFK Act administrative file will be placed in the JFK Collection (HQ 62-102905) (the file will first have to be reviewed to exclude non-essential personnel documentation). The FBI also has agreed that it will place in the JFK Collection a working (or "tickler") file it has relating to the House Select Committee on Assassinations, which file the FBI has consulted to identify the "HSCA subjects" to be processed as assassination records under the JFK Act.

4. In our view, the Final Declaration of Compliance should certify that the FBI has made a diligent search to locate any files on the Kennedy assassination that may have been separately maintained by top FBI officials with responsibility for investigating the assassination. In our meeting, you could not state whether or not there are such files. You also stated your opinion that this matter was not a "compliance-related" issue. However, we previously raised this matter with you -- specifically as a compliance issue -- in early 1997. *See* Jan. 22, 1997 Letter from P. Golrick to C. Keeley. Accordingly, we ask that you confirm in the Final Declaration whether or not there are any separate files on the Kennedy assassination that may have been maintained by certain top-level FBI officials. (These officials were identified in our January 22, 1997 letter to you). If there are any such discrete and identifiable files, we request that they be placed in the JFK Collection.

5. You stated that you would check to see whether you could obtain any further information regarding the destruction of certain Oswald and Ruby-related records from the Dallas office.

Thank you again for your cooperation, and please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or wish to discuss these matters any further.

Sincerely,

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