

August 10, 1998

VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

Mr. Will Johnson
John F. Kennedy Library
Columbia Point
Boston, Massachusetts 02125-3398

Re: JFK Library Compliance with the JFK Assassination Records
Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am writing to inform you that the Review Board requests that certain officials of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library ("JFK Library") be made available to testify regarding records of the Library that were identified and reviewed pursuant to the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 ("JFK Act"). This request is made under Section 7(j) of the JFK Act, which authorizes the Review Board to direct a Government office to make individuals available for the taking of testimony.

The Review Board considers compliance depositions to be an additional, appropriate means for agencies such as the JFK Library to set forth, on the record, their work completed under the JFK Act. The deposition would cover issues regarding records of President Kennedy and Robert F. Kennedy, as well as other records-related issues raised in the Review Board's July 20, 1998 letter to the JFK Library. We request that the JFK Library make available the officials who undertook the Library's work under the JFK Act and who can testify on behalf of the Library, namely Stephanie Fawcett, Megan Desnoyers, and yourself. In view of the fact that the JFK Library's Final Declaration of Compliance must be submitted by August 20, 1998, we would like to schedule the deposition shortly thereafter.

In addition, the Review Board was informed of the JFK Library's offer to make a presentation to the Review Board at the Board's next meeting in late August. The Review Board would welcome, but does not require, any presentation that the JFK Library wishes to make in addition to a deposition. Such a presentation would not be in lieu of a deposition.

Please call me so that we can discuss the necessary arrangements.

Sincerely,

Ronald G. Haron
General Counsel

cc: Christopher M. Runkel, Acting General Counsel,
NARA

Steven D. Tilley, Chief,
JFK Collection, NARA