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February 20, 1998

Mr. Howard S. Liebengood
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Re: Mr. Liebengood's Papers Relating to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence at the Library of Congress and the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act

Dear Mr. Liebengood:

The Assassination Records Review Board ("Review Board") was created as an independent Federal agency under the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 ("JFK Act"), to identify and release to the public records relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. As provided by the JFK Act, all Review Board staff members are required to hold all necessary security clearances.

In the course of our work, we have asked the Library of Congress to identify any classified, closed, or restricted holdings in their Manuscript Division that relate to the JFK assassination. They have identified papers you donated relating to your work on the Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities ("Church Committee"), including material on President Kennedy's assassination, which you apparently maintained while you were an aide to Senator Howard Baker. (A copy of the Jan. 30, 1998 Library of Congress letter and enclosures relating to your papers is enclosed). The Library of Congress advises us that access to these papers requires your permission.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that you advise the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress that (a) you have no objection to release of your Church Committee records related to the assassination of President Kennedy;¹ and (b) you have no objection to granting the Review Board

¹ In accordance with standard government policy, prior to the public release of any records,

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access to the remainder of your Church Committee records.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn
Executive Director

cc: Winston Tabb, Associate Librarian for Library Services
and JFK Act Compliance Official for the Library of Congress

they will be referred to agencies that have equities in the documents for their declassification review.