

May 15, 1998

VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

Michael H. Collins, Esq.
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Re: Sixth Floor Museum and the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act

Dear Mr. Collins:

I am writing to follow up on our discussion and to propose an agreement between the Sixth Floor Museum ("Museum") and the Assassination Records Review Board ("Review Board") to help us ensure that the public has continued access to materials relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. The proposed agreement is enclosed and a copy is being sent to the National Archives and Records Administration ("NARA") for its consideration.

The proposed agreement addresses two issues we discussed -- (1) the copying of certain materials by the Museum for the Review Board for inclusion in the JFK Assassination Records Collection ("JFK Collection") at NARA, and (2) the disposition of the Museum's Kennedy assassination materials in the event the Museum ceases operations. I have omitted a third issue -- an arrangement between the Museum and NARA for the exchange of materials -- because this can be informally initiated by the Museum with NARA without being memorialized in an agreement.

The proposed agreement identifies the materials that we formally request be copied and transmitted to the Review Board; we will then forward those records to NARA for inclusion in the JFK Collection. As you will see, we are not requesting what appears to be voluminous news coverage of the assassination contained on film and audio tapes that the Museum has from KRLD, WFAA, KDFW, and KTVT. Nor are we requesting copies of the substantial photographic collections obtained from *The Dallas Times Herald* and *The Dallas Morning News*.

Please call me or my associate, Ronald Haron, to coordinate discussion and finalization of this proposed agreement and the transmission of the specified records to the Review Board for inclusion in the JFK Collection. Thank you again for your cooperation in making available to the Review Board (and ultimately to NARA) copies of these requested records and in having the Museum Board

consider the enclosed, proposed agreement.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn
Executive Director

cc: Christopher M. Runkel, Acting General Counsel
NARA

Members of the Assassination Records
Review Board

Steven D. Tilley, Chief, JFK Collection
NARA

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SIXTH FLOOR MUSEUM AND THE ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD

WHEREAS it is the desire of the Sixth Floor Museum ("Museum") and the Assassination Records Review Board ("Review Board") that the public have continued and maximum reasonable access to materials relating to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the Review Board and the Museum HEREBY AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. The Review Board will not take further steps to acquire original records from the Museum.

2. The Museum will provide to the Review Board, for ultimate transmission to the National Archives and Records Administration ("NARA"), archival quality copies of the following record collections and films relating to the assassination of President Kennedy that are in its possession and not currently included in the JFK Assassination Records Collection ("JFK Collection") at NARA:
 - a. Parkland Hospital records, including treatment records for President Kennedy; autopsy reports for Oswald, Ruby and Tippit; and medical records for Ruby (identified under Museum inventory no. 1994.001);

 - b. Dallas County District Court papers regarding the Ruby case (identified under inventory no. 1994.002);

 - c. Papers of Dr. Charles J. Carrico (identified under inventory no. 1997.044);

 - d. Papers of William A. McKenzie relating to his representation of Robert and Marina Oswald before the Warren Commission (identified under inventory no. 1997.047) to the extent that the Museum's counsel believes it can transmit such records consistent with the attorney-client privilege (the Review Board believes that transmission and release would be permissible based on Section 11(a) of the JFK Act);

 - e. The Dorman film taken from the Texas School Depository and showing part of the Presidential motorcade, but not the assassination;

f. The Bronson film showing the Presidential motorcade, including part of the assassination (Since the Bronson film is on loan, the Museum will solicit the permission of the donor to provide NARA with a copy of the film);

g. The Couch film, which shows the Kennedys' arrival at Love Field, events outside Parkland Hospital while the crowd awaited word of the President's condition, an interview of Jack Ruby, and a flyover of the motorcade route (Since the Couch film is also on loan, the Museum will solicit the donor's permission to provide a copy of the film to NARA); and

h. The Sanders film, which shows part of the Presidential motorcade.

3. In the event that the Museum ceases operations as a facility open to the public, it will make its best efforts to ensure continued public access to Kennedy assassination materials in its possession. In such an event, the Museum will use its best efforts to transfer its Kennedy assassination materials and holdings to either NARA or a public institution in the Dallas area (*e.g.*, a government museum or the Dallas County Public Library).

IT IS SO AGREED.

EXECUTED BY: _____

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On Behalf of the Sixth Floor Museum

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T. Jeremy Gunn
Executive Director

On Behalf of the Assassination Records
Review Board