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April 3, 1998

Mr. Kent C. Carter
Regional Administrator
National Archives and Records Administration--
Southwest Region
P.O. Box 6216
Fort Worth, Texas 76115-0216

Re: Compliance of National Archives and Records Administration (Southwest Region) with the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107

Dear Mr. Carter:

I am writing to you in your capacity as the JFK Act compliance official for the Southwest Regional office of the National Archives and Records Administration in Fort Worth, Texas ("Southwest NARA"). Thank you for submitting, in July 1997, the initial Statement of Compliance on behalf of Southwest NARA. Before Southwest NARA submits its Final Declaration certifying its compliance with the JFK Act, we wish to obtain further information regarding the search methodology employed to identify records relating to President Kennedy's assassination.

Our purpose is to ensure that Southwest NARA has identified all relevant, non-public records that should be reviewed for materials relating to President Kennedy's assassination. It is not our intention to have Southwest NARA review all of its classified holdings, but rather those holdings from the Kennedy and Johnson administrations that might reasonably be expected to have assassination-related records. In particular, we want to ascertain whether Southwest NARA has any 1959-64 records for various law enforcement, intelligence, or military agencies of the U. S. Government with offices in the Dallas region. Among the agencies we are interested in are the Secret Service, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms (when it was a unit of IRS), the FBI, and the Office of Naval Intelligence. It is our understanding that these agencies had offices in the Dallas area at the time of the assassination, and we seek to confirm whether or not their regional records

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from that time period have been maintained by Southwest NARA.

I plan to be in Dallas on April 22 for a deposition and would like to meet with you, if possible, on April 21 or 23 to discuss these matters. I will call you to see if we can arrange for a meeting at a mutually convenient time. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely

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