

July 17, 1998

VIA FACSIMILE AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Ms. Jane Vezeris
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Office of Administration
United States Secret Service
1800 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20223

Re: United States Secret Service Compliance with the JFK Assassination Records
Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107

Dear Ms. Vezeris:

In light of the expiration of the Review Board's mandate in September 1998, I am writing to address completion of the Secret Service's work under the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 ("JFK Act"), including submission of its Final Declaration of Compliance.

We request that, by August 17, 1998, the Secret Service submit its Final Declaration of Compliance to the Review Board setting forth the Service's work under the JFK Act. Because of the expiration of our mandate on September 30 of this year, please treat the August 17 deadline as a firm one. In this Final Declaration, the Secret Service should update the information it provided in its initial compliance statement from April 1997. Please also note that the Final Declaration should be executed under penalty of perjury in the form prescribed by 28 U.S.C. §1746.¹ The request that the Final Declaration be submitted under oath is one that we have made of all Federal agencies under the JFK Act.

¹ Thus, the declarant would state at the end of the Final Declaration that "I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Washington, D.C. on this ___ day of ___ 1998."

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It is our hope that the Secret Service can soon complete its work under the JFK Act. I understand that Secret Service is currently making available additional records for our review, that we are now inspecting those records, and that you are discussing various outstanding matters with attorney Kim Herd of our office. As we proceed with our review and ongoing discussions, we will identify to you, as soon as possible, any important outstanding issues to be addressed by Secret Service in connection with completion of its work under the JFK Act.

Sincerely,

Ronald G. Haron
Associate General Counsel

cc: Donald Personette, Deputy Chief Counsel
Secret Service

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1. Completion of the Secret Service's Work Under the JFK Act

1. Please provide information with regard to the scope and content of Chief Rowley's filing system. Provide information as to the existence and disposition of any working files of Chief Rowley. Please describe your search efforts.
2. As requested in two previous letters, please provide information with respect to the Secret Service's visit to Chief James Rowley's home in 1992, and provide inventoried records and any videotape of such a visit. Also, please identify other such visits with Secret Service officials who may have had a role in the investigation of the Kennedy assassination.
3. With regard to Protective Survey Reports, John Machado has indicated that he would continue to search for two folders that were not found with the other survey reports - These folders were entitled, "Other Places Folder" #6 July - November 1963 and the Berlin Protective Survey Report from June 26, 1963. In the event the Secret Service has not located these files, it should document all of its search efforts to try to find them.
4. The Record - years 1960 - 1964.
5. Protective Surveys from January, 1961 - March 1963. At our December meeting, we had informed John Machado that the Board was considering whether to designate these materials as "assassination records" We asked Machado to talk with you about what your position would be.
6. Please confirm in writing that all of the information contained within the original Abraham Bolden file has in fact been transferred to NARA.
7. Please detail your efforts at searching for other records pertaining to internal security review of Secret Service agents who were working with the White House Detail, the Protective Research Section, or the Dallas Field Office at the time of the assassination.

