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BY FACSIMILE & FIRST-CLASS MAIL

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

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Dear Ms. Vezeris:

We today received the Final Declaration of Compliance for the Secret Service (dated September 18, 1998), which sets forth the Secret Service's final statement regarding its compliance with the JFK Act. Thank you for your submission.

I am writing to you, however, because the Service's Final Declaration was not submitted under oath. We had explicitly requested, in our July 17 letter to you, that this be done. We respectfully ask that the Secret Service re-submit, as soon as possible, its Final Declaration under penalty of perjury in the form prescribed by 28 U.S.C. § 1746.<sup>1</sup> We have asked all agencies to submit their Final Declarations under oath, and they have cooperated.

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<sup>1</sup> Under 28 U.S.C. § 1746, a declaration under penalty of perjury should contain the following language at the end: "I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Washington, D.C. on this \_\_\_ day of September, 1998."

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In addition, we had asked that the destruction of certain protective intelligence files be explained in the Final Declaration, and those issues were not addressed. Thus, regarding protective intelligence files relating to threats to the President in the Dallas area during 1963, the Board previously stated that it was "essential for the Secret Service to provide, in the Final Declaration of Compliance, all information regarding the circumstances for the destruction of these original files." *See* July 29, 1998 Review Board Letter to Secret Service. Regarding a file the Secret Service apparently had on the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, we similarly requested that Secret Service "provide, in the Final Declaration, any information whatsoever regarding Secret Service records on the FPCC, including the date that the [FPCC] protective intelligence file was opened, the reason the file was opened . . . and the circumstances for the destruction of the file." *Id.* At present, all we have been told is that the Secret Service no longer has these files.<sup>2</sup>

As you know, the JFK Act specifically authorizes the Review Board to "require any Government office to account in writing for the destruction of any records relating to the assassination of President Kennedy." *See* JFK Act § 7(j). We ask that these matters be addressed more specifically in the Final Declaration.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Ronald G. Haron  
General Counsel

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<sup>2</sup> The Secret Service stated that "we no longer have . . . the files," but provided no information at all regarding their destruction. *See* August 14, 1998 Secret Service Letter to the Review Board.