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November 25, 1997

Lt. Col. Gregory Rath  
Assistant Chief of Staff  
White House Military Office  
Washington, D.C. 20502

Re: White House Communications Agency Records and the  
JFK Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107

Dear Lt. Col. Rath:

Last week, we interviewed Major Mark Baines, Deputy Commander, Customer Support Directorate, of the White House Communications Agency ("WHCA") in connection with our efforts to identify records that relate to the assassination of President Kennedy. Thank you for making Major Baines available.

As we stated earlier, we sought to interview a knowledgeable official of WHCA so we could ascertain the identity and disposition of WHCA records from the 1963-64 period. Major Baines was most cooperative and reiterated the position of WHCA that it has no records from the 1963-64 period. Major Baines had no specific information regarding the disposition of these records. To complete WHCA's work under the JFK Act, we agreed with Major Baines that the following would be done:

- (1) Major Baines would confirm that WHCA's historical file on the Kennedy assassination has been transmitted to the JFK Collection at the National Archives and Records Administration ("NARA") and that the appropriate record identification forms ("RIFs") are prepared in accordance with the JFK Act.
- (2) Major Baines would provide us with any available WHCA organizational charts for the 1963-64 period and would attempt to provide us with the names of the key WHCA officials from that period, including any information that would assist us in locating them.
- (3) Colonel Joseph Simmons would re-execute, on behalf of WHCA, the Final Declaration of Compliance under the JFK Act. The re-submitted Declaration would be made under penalty of perjury (we have requested all agencies to make their declarations under penalty of

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perjury).<sup>1</sup> In addition, we requested that WHCA's Final Declaration state more explicitly under oath what you and Major Baines have reiterated informally, namely that WHCA has not retained any records from 1963-64. In addition, we had asked whether WHCA could state in its Final Declaration whether any of its records from the Kennedy and Johnson administrations were sent to the Kennedy or Johnson Presidential Libraries.

Thank you again for your continuing cooperation, and please call us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: Terry W. Good, Director,  
Records Management,  
Executive Office of the President

Steven D. Tilley, Chief,  
JFK Assassination Records Collection, NARA

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<sup>1</sup> Under 28 U.S.C. § 1746, a declaration made 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 1997."