

# Assassination Records Review Board

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July 6, 1995

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Re: Status of the U.S. Marine Corps' Compliance with the  
JFK Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107

Dear General Krulak:

I am writing in regard to the U.S. Marine Corps' compliance with The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (JFK Act) (copy enclosed). I am writing to request your assistance in ensuring that the appropriate personnel within the Marine Corps understand their obligation to comply with the JFK Act and to ascertain which officials will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the law.

Under the JFK Act, all Federal Government offices -- including the Marine Corps -- are required to: (a) identify all of their records related to the assassination of President Kennedy; (b) review the records for the purpose of declassifying them under the standards specified in the JFK Act; (c) prepare electronic identification aids; and (d) send the records to the National Archives.

The Assassination Records Review Board, a panel appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, is responsible for overseeing governmental compliance with the JFK Act. Last week the Review Board promulgated in the *Federal Register* a regulation that defines "assassination record" for the purposes of the JFK Act (a copy of this regulation is enclosed). This regulation should help provide guidance to governmental offices in their search for assassination records.<sup>1</sup> Members of our

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<sup>1</sup> Although the JFK Act required all government offices to identify and review all of their assassination records by August, 1993, it is our understanding that the Marine Corps has delivered *no* records to the Archives. The search for assassination records should have encompassed any and all

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professional staff -- who have received all of the appropriate security clearances -- are also available to assist you and your staff in this process.

I am now seeking to learn which officials at Headquarters Marine Corps are responsible for supervising the process of identifying and reviewing assassination records. For your convenience, I am enclosing our "JFK Records Contacts" form. Please list the names, titles, relevant responsibilities, and telephone and fax numbers of all persons with whom you would like us to be in contact regarding the Marine Corps' compliance with the law. We would appreciate your having this form returned to us by July 17, 1995.

We look forward to working with the Marine Corps to further the important objectives of the JFK Act. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely yours,

David G. Marwell  
Executive Director

Enclosures

cc: William J. Perry, Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense  
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records that reasonably fall within the definition provided by the JFK Act. At a minimum, the results of this search should have included the Service Record Book (SRB) and Medical Records of Lee Harvey Oswald; unit diaries of Marine Air Control Squadron (MACS) ONE for the years 1957-1958; message traffic or orders indicating changes in the DEFCON levels on November 22, 1963; all assassination-related communications among ONI, FBI, CIA, State, and DOD; any correspondence with the Warren Commission, the House Select Committee on Assassinations or any other Federal Agency concerning the assassination of President Kennedy.

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Enclosures [JFK Act, Definition, 1 form]

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