

February 5, 1998

LCDR R. Bastien
Office of Naval Intelligence
4251 Suitland Road
Washington, D.C. 20395-5720

Re: Office of Naval Intelligence Equities in the Records of the Gerald R. Ford Library
Subject To *The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992*,
44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994)

Dear LCDR Bastien:

The staff of the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Review Board has identified a document from the Gerald R. Ford Library, in which your agency has equities. This document, RIF No. #1781000210320, is enclosed for your review.

Since you are the individual whom the Navy has designated responsible for compliance with the JFK Act, we are transmitting this document to you now so that you can decide whether you wish to postpone release of the information in question. Please keep in mind the provisions of the JFK Act which anticipate that information will be withheld from public release only in "the rarest cases" and only pursuant to one of the provisions of Section 6 of the Act.

So that we may adequately prepare our presentation to the Review Board with the benefit of any submission you may wish to make, you must submit evidence or arguments in support of any postponements you choose to assert in writing no later than March 2, 1998. If you do not respond to this letter by the above deadline, we will assume that your agency intends to release in full its equities in the Ford Library record at issue, and we will recommend that the Review Board vote to release in full your agency's equities in the record.

Should you have any questions, please contact Kim Herd at (202) 724-0088. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn
Executive Director

Enclosure