

Assassination Records Review Board

600 E Street NW ■ Second Floor ■ Washington, DC 20530

June 28, 1995

The Honorable Doris M. Meissner
Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service
425 I Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20536

Re: Status of the Immigration and Naturalization Service's Compliance with the JFK
Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107

Dear Ms. Meissner:

I am writing in regard to your agency's compliance with The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (JFK Act) (copy enclosed). Under the JFK Act, all Federal Government offices -- including INS -- 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. Today the Review Board is promulgating 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.¹ Members of our professional staff -- who have received all of the appropriate security clearances -- are also available to assist you and your staff in this process.

¹On August 18, 1994, Magda S. Ortiz of your FOIA/Privacy Act Office responded to a preliminary inquiry from Dr. William Joyce, a member of the Review Board, indicating that INS had no restricted assassination records. While we appreciate that response, we are now interested in determining agency compliance with all aspects of the JFK Act, particularly in light of the enclosed regulation.

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I am now seeking to learn which officials at INS are responsible for supervising the process of identifying and reviewing assassination records. For your convenience, I am enclosing our "JFK Records Contacts" form on which you may identify the names, titles, relevant responsibilities, and telephone and fax numbers of all persons at INS with whom you would like us to be in contact regarding INS' compliance with the law.

I am particularly interested in your identifying the person responsible for preparing your electronic identification aids.

We look forward to working with the INS 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: Janet Reno, Attorney General

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