

February 3, 1998

Mr. Stewart F. Aly  
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Office of the General Counsel  
Department of Defense  
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Dear Mr. Aly:

The staff of the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Review Board has identified twelve documents from the John F. Kennedy Library that we intend to present to the Review Board for review of postponements at the Review Board meeting on March 10, 1998. Among the documents we identified are documents in which your agency has equities.

Since you are the individual that the Department of Defense designated as the person responsible for compliance with the JFK Act, we are identifying these documents 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.

The John F. Kennedy Library previously provided you with these twelve documents at issue with the attached correspondence dated July 22, 1996, October 30, 1996, and October 31, 1996. It is unclear whether or not the Kennedy Library attached the Record Information Forms (RIFs) with the documents in 1996, as we have done with this letter. The RIF numbers for the twelve documents are the following:

176-10010-10028, 176-10010-10031, 176-10010-10036, 176-10010-10041, 176-10010-10045,  
176-10010-10046, 176-10010-10080, 176-10010-10107, 176-10010-10142, 176-10010-10143,  
176-10010-10144, 176-10010-10145

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 February 28, 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 Kennedy Library records at issue, and we will recommend that the Review Board vote to release in full your agencies equities in the record.

In many of the Kennedy Library documents with third agency equities, we believe that the third agencies could, consistent with their current guidelines for JFK assassination-related information, consent to full release of the information at issue.

If you have any questions regarding the documents identified in this letter, please call Mary Kennifick of the Kennedy Library at (617) 929-4531 or Deputy Director Thomas Samoluk of the Review Board at (202) 724-0088, ext. 227.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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