

~~SECRET~~

Unclassified when Separated from Enclosures

July 10, 1998

HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Margaret P. Grafeld
Acting Director
Office of Freedom of Information, Privacy & Classification Review
United States Department of State
2201 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20520

Re: Foreign Government Information in United States Government Records
Regarding the Assassination of President Kennedy

Dear Ms. Grafeld:

I am writing as a follow-up to my June 19, 1998 letter and our telephone discussion of July 7. In the July 7 conversation, you requested that we send to you copies of the documents that we wish to have presented to foreign governments through diplomatic channels for the purpose of obtaining their consent to the release of their information. I am enclosing copies of those records as well as copies of the Review Board's written communications to the relevant governments and local entities.

Most of the records come from FBI files. The Review Board's communications regarding these records, which I have enclosed, were submitted through FBI channels. We are also advised that the FBI has similarly communicated with the governments and local entities. We have asked the FBI to send to you information regarding their communications. For those records that are not FBI-originated, there have been no prior contacts with foreign governments regarding the release of information.

~~SECRET~~

Unclassified when Separated from Enclosures

~~—SECRET—~~

Unclassified when Separated from Enclosure

Ms. Margaret P. Grafeld

July 10, 1998

Page 2

There are, of course, different interests at issue. First, the Review Board seeks the release of the maximum amount of information possible as soon as possible. We presume that both the FBI and State appreciate our concern and wish to assist in accomplishing this goal. Second, the FBI reasonably wishes to avoid any damage to its ongoing relations with the foreign entities. Third, we presume that State wishes to avoid creating any diplomatic difficulties. We are mindful of these different interests and the Review Board hopes that we may work cooperatively to accomplish as many of these goals as possible in the short time remaining.

For points of contact, Laura Denk, Esq., the Review Board's Chief Analyst for FBI Records, will be coordinating this issue in our office. Her phone number is 724-0088 ext. 265. The FBI segment is being coordinated by Carol L. Keeley, the Acting Unit Chief of the Historical and Executive Review Unit. Her direct-dial number is 324-0671. In her absence, LuAnn Wilkins, at the FBI, is a second point-of-contact. Her number is 324-0673. I will, of course, do whatever I can to help facilitate the process.

We appreciate your assistance.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn
Executive Director

Classified Enclosures

cc: Carol L. Keeley

~~—SECRET—~~

Unclassified when Separated from Enclosures