

July 9, 1998

BY FACSIMILE & FIRST CLASS MAIL

Mr. Taylor W. Lawrence
Staff Director
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
211 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-6475

Re: Public Release of Church Committee Records Pursuant to the
JFK Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

We have received your July 7, 1998 letter, and we are very pleased with the decision of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence ("SSCI") to make available for inspection the original records of the Church Committee.

We are proceeding to make the necessary arrangements so that our staff will be in a position to review the Church Committee files during the week of August 3. Our staff members already are cleared for the SCI compartments that you identified, with one exception. CIA is now expediting clearance arrangements for that compartment, and have assured us that it will be completed well before August 3. I will notify you as soon as the process is completed, and we will pass the clearances either to the SSCI or the Legislative Archives, as you prefer.

We would also recommend that an appropriately cleared staff person of the National Archives, who has experience with legislative records and the JFK Act, also be permitted to participate in the review.

We believe that, in the long run, the participation the National Archives will facilitate the process, but we leave that issue to your discretion. I am copying Steven D. Tilley of the National Archives on this letter.

I assume that Jim Wolfe of your staff and my associate, Ron Haron, will be able to work out any additional administrative details for the review.

Again, thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Steven D. Tilley
National Archives and Records Administration