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BY FAX

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Dear Steve:

I am writing to follow-up on our telephone discussion Wednesday regarding the digitized autopsy materials.

The Review Board has had discussions with the National Reconnaissance Office regarding its assistance with the further analysis of the digitized work. As you know, the NRO conducts highly-classified photographic work for the US government and has secure facilities in which to work.

Although NRO does not know the content of the digitized materials, it is aware that the images pertain in some way to the assassination. NRO has been very cooperative and assured us that it is ready to perform the work promptly at its facilities in Virginia.

We wish to ask for NARA's and your assistance in permitting this material to be transported to the NRO laboratory in Virginia. Although details remain to be clarified, it would be our hope to receive assistance at NRO for a 2-3 day period. We anticipate the need to transfer three JAZ drives as well as, perhaps, some of the thermal images. (There will be no need to use any of the original autopsy material.) Although we do not have a particular date in mind, I hope that we might complete this within the next month. Although the Review Board has no preference as to whether the data is transported to and from NARA on a daily basis, we presume that it would be more convenient for you to secure the material at NRO for one or two nights.

I would very much appreciate receiving a preliminary response to this request so that we can begin to make more concrete plans.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn

Executive Director