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Dear Commander Buchholz:

It was a pleasure to speak with you by telephone yesterday. This letter is to confirm our meeting for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 5, 1995. We will meet in the lobby of the Miami Police Department on 4th Avenue and proceed from there to your office.

Yesterday we discussed some of the types of records your department either has or may have that are considered assassination records under the John F. Kennedy Records Collection Act. I've enclosed a copy of a three-page fact sheet about the Review Board as well as a copy of our legislation and a brochure about the John F. Kennedy Records Collection at the National Archives. Briefly, the legislation requires the Review Board to collect records in two general categories: 1) records of local, county, state, and private organizations that were reviewed or referred to by past federal assassination investigations; namely the Warren Commission in 1964 and the House Select Commission on Assassinations (HSCA) in 1977-1978; and 2) any records created or maintained by any of the above groups that might be related to President Kennedy's assassination or the events leading up to it, or investigations following the assassination.

It is important to note that the JFK Record Collection Act mandates the Review Board to collect *original records, not copies*, wherever possible.

In the first category I've determined that the HSCA reviewed your files on certain organized crime figures, although the only name I have for certain is Santos Trafficante. Copies of your department's files were given to HSCA Investigator Gaeton Fonzi sometime in 1978 or 1979. I've included a copy of a report written by an HSCA investigator as a reference for you. The staff of the National Archives in Washington, which is responsible for reviewing the HSCA records for release to the public through

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the JFK Collection, recently sent copies of these reports, (about 1 ½ inches of paper) to Detective Richard Hayward for comment, pending release. The records were listed as originating with the Metropolitan-Dade County Public Safety Department, Organized Crime Bureau. The staff at the National Archives has not had a reply from Detective Hayward yet, to the best of my knowledge. If your department still has the original files, the JFK Collection would like to include them.

In the second category we discussed intelligence-type files on various left wing groups, right wing groups, pro-Castro groups and Cuban exile, or anti-Castro groups (or individuals). I do not have specific names to give you, although your records might be searched for the name V. T. Lee, Fair Play for Cuba Committee, Sergio Arcacha Smith, Antonio Vecciana, Cuban Student Directorate, Alpha 66, Minutemen, and Joseph Milteer, to name but a few.

Also included in the second category would be reports from your department related to President Kennedy's trip to Miami on November 18, 1963. Local police departments and public safety agencies lent extensive support to the Secret Service in providing security for the trip and it is likely that extensive records were made of the event. These files might originate in the intelligence division (assessing any threats, etc.); in the investigative division (some arrests were made during the visit); and in the special events planning division. These are also considered assassination records.

I also found a reference in our records to the "Miami Crime Commission" which in 1978 was headed by Dan Sullivan. I cannot find a current reference to this group. Would anyone in your office know what became of this group and their files?

I hope this list provides some assistance. Please call me at ext. 229 if you have any questions. I'm looking forward to meeting you on October 5. Thank you in advance for the time and effort you will expend preparing for our meeting.

Sincerely,

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Chief Investigator

Enclosures