

November 29, 1995

Mr. William G. Holland  
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Dear Mr. Holland:

Thank you for your letter of October 2, 1995, concerning the Assassination Records Review Board's request for access to and copies of files created by the Illinois Legislative Investigating Commission (ILIC) and used by the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) during its investigation in 1978 of President Kennedy's assassination. I met with Rebecca Patton of your office concerning this matter on October 18, 1995. Also attending that meeting were Carl Brody of Senator Jones' office, Phil Webber of Senator Philip's office, Brian Schneider of Representative Daniels' office (by telephone) and Michael Kasper of Representative Madigan's office.

During our meeting Messrs. Brody, Webber, Schneider, and Kasper agreed to locate the records and determine the volumes that fall under the jurisdiction of Public Law 102-526. Mr. Webber stated that, although no one knew these records existed until the Review Board asked for them, he thought it important that the records remain in Illinois. I pointed out that P.L. 102-526 states a clear preference for original records but includes a provision allowing the Review Board to accept photocopies when originals are not available. I also explained that the Review Board would be happy to incur the costs not only of copying the records in Washington but also of shipping the records in both directions.

Ms. Patton and the others agreed to send the Review Board a letter by November 1, 1995, advising of the results of their search, suggesting options for records review issues, etc. To date I have not received a letter or telephone call from Ms. Patton or anyone else. I know the Review Board members would prefer to include the ILIC records in the John F. Kennedy Records Collection through cooperative avenues if at all possible in order to avoid a subpoena of the records. I don't know what more I can do to facilitate the Board's willingness to cooperate. I've provided lists of the records we

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want, travelled to Springfield to explain our request and answer questions in person, offered to pay the costs of copying and reproduction, and invited telephone calls and inquiries.

I would like to have positive news for Review Board members when they meet in early December. Thank you for your assistance in successfully concluding this matter.

Sincerely,

Anne Buttimer, Esq.

Chief Investigator

cc: Rebecca Patton, Esq.

The Honorable James "Pate" Philip

Mr. Phil Webber

Mr. Carter Hendren

The Honorable Emil Jones, Jr.

Mr. Carl Brody

Mr. Mike Hoffmann

The Honorable Lee A. Daniels

Mr. Brian Schneider

Mr. Mike Stokke

The Honorable Michael J. Madigan

Mr. Michael Kasper

Mr. Timothy D. Mapes