

January 14, 1997

Mr. Raymond Marcus  
1224 Hi Point Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90035

Dear Mr. Marcus:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 11, 1996, and for the inventory of your private collection.

We very much appreciate your offer to donate your records to the JFK Assassination Records Collection at the National Archives. Your kind offer as well as that of other individuals has prompted us to establish certain guidelines for the kinds of records that we believe should be made a permanent part of the collection. The Board will consider designating as assassination records the following kinds of collections:

The personal papers of individuals who somehow participated in events related to the assassination or its investigation (e.g., James Hosty, Jim Garrison, James Rankin)

The personal papers of individuals who interviewed (at an early time) key participants in events related to the assassination or its investigation (e.g., Priscilla McMillan, David Lifton)

We do not feel that the collection as a whole meets our criteria. However, if you believe that there are specific records in your collection that would provide the Review Board with leads that could further our efforts to make the JFK Assassination Records Collection as complete as possible, please contact us with that information.

Our decision in your case should not discourage you from offering your records to a library or archive. Your papers will clearly be of interest to students of the assassination for years to come.

Thank you again for your interest and support.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell  
Executive Director