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Re: Request for Additional Records and Information No. U.S.A.-1 in accordance with
the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107

Dear Ms. Light,

Thank you very much for the package of information which you forwarded to the Review Board on May 4, 1995. I appreciated very much receiving the Secretary of the Army memorandum dated April 13, 1993 which so broadly disseminated the purpose and requirements of the JFK Records Act throughout the Department of the Army, as well as the internal responses (record identification forms, SFs 135, and official memoranda) forwarded to Headquarters, U.S. Army Information Systems Command by various Army components. The Army has been the most responsive of the Armed Services to date in complying with the provisions of the JFK Records Act, and the Secretary of the Army service-wide memorandum set the standard for similar service-wide directives which the Review Board is now asking the other Service Secretaries to promulgate.

As a follow-on to the process described above, I must now ask whether the materials forwarded to HQ, USAISC by Edgewood Arsenal, the Judge Advocate General, and the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology have yet been forwarded to the National Archives? If so, please provide ARRB with copies of all forwarding and related correspondence. If not, then all items which the Army has determined appropriate for release in full should be transferred to NARA as soon as possible in accordance with the JFK Records Act (with copy of the transferring correspondence to the Assassination Records Review Board). If the Army feels that any of the assassination records yet collected should be *postponed*, then it is requested that the originals of these documents and/or artifacts be formally transmitted to the Assassination Records Review Board so that a postponement determination may be made by the Board.

I will be sending you, from time- to-time, requests for additional information and records to facilitate the completion of the Review Board's task of compiling the most complete record possible of the assassination of President Kennedy. Under the JFK Act, we are empowered to request additional records and information from government agencies to assist us in this process. *See* 44 U.S.C. § 2107.7(j)(1)(C)(ii). *See also* 36 C.F.R. § 1400.2, 60 FR 33345, 33349 (June 28, 1995). We will be numbering our requests "U.S.A.-1", "U.S.A.-2", etc. in order to help us track our requests and your responses to them. This

letter constitutes our first request.

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We would appreciate your providing us with the following information from U.S. Army records:

A. Any internal correspondence relating to whether or not any U.S. Army assassination documents yet collected should be opened-in-full, or postponed;

B. Documentation regarding any formal changes in nationwide alert (DEFCON) status received from higher authority (i.e., JCS or National Military Command Center) during the period November 21-30, 1963;

C. Documentation regarding any internal, Army-directed rises in alert or readiness status by Army operational units or Army bases (particularly bases in the southeastern United States) during the period November 21-30, 1963;

D. The unedited transcripts and/or audiotapes of U.S. Army Signal Corps recordings made on November 22, 1963 of transmissions to-and-from Air Force One (SAM 26000), Air Force Two, and the Cabinet plane ferrying members of the President's Cabinet (SAM 86972) from Hawaii-to-Japan, and then from Hawaii-to-Andrews AFB;

E. Any transcripts and/or audiotapes which the U.S. Army Signal Corps may have made of helicopter radio transmissions (both Presidential helicopters, and any others) at Andrews AFB and in-and-around the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area (including Bethesda, Maryland) from 1330 (local)-2400 (local) on November 22, 1963;

F. Any documentation on file regarding the arrangements for, and execution of the President's funeral at Arlington National Cemetery and/or his reinterment at Arlington in March 1967 (beyond the 15 March 1967 memorandum for the record already at the National Archives);

G. Any MDW casket team records relating to President Kennedy's death and related ceremonial casket team activities from November 22-25, 1963 as well as the President's reinterment in March 1967;

H. Any U.S. Army documents or other records relating to Army or Army-sponsored- or- assisted military or paramilitary plans and/or operations directed against Cuba, or high-ranking Cuban officials during the period 1960-1965; and

I. Any records of domestic surveillance conducted against foreign national emigre groups in the United States.

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I hope to receive a response to the first question above, regarding submission of items already collected to the National Archives, by September 30, 1995. I am requesting a formal response to the above requests for additional records and information by November 15, 1995.

I look forward to hearing from you again soon. If you have any questions or we can assist you in any way, please feel free to call either me or Jeremy Gunn at (202) 724-0088.

Sincerely yours,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director