

August 30, 1995

LTCOL John E. Sparks, USMC
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Office of the General Counsel
Department of the Navy
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20350-1000

Re: Department of the Navy Compliance with the JFK Assassination Records
Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107

Dear Colonel Sparks:

I am writing to follow-up on your July 26, 1995 meeting with Jeremy Gunn of this office regarding the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act. We very much appreciated your stated willingness to cooperate fully with the work of the Assassination Records Review Board and to ensure that the Department of the Navy will comply fully with the JFK Act.

In order to facilitate the gathering of all Department of Defense records, the Review Board has submitted a letter to DOD which requests that the Secretary of the Navy issue a service-wide "all hands" directive which will explain the provisions of the JFK Records Act, and direct all components of the Navy and Marine Corps to search for and identify all records related to the assassination of President Kennedy.

For your convenience, enclosed here is a copy of that letter to DOD (which includes a sample, or draft model servicewide directive, as well as a similar product issued by the Secretary of the Army in April, 1993).

You will note that in our letter to DOD, we requested that all DOD Services, Offices and Agencies comply with the provisions of the JFK Act and submit a report to the Review Board by November 15, 1995.

We look forward to continuing to work with the Department of the Navy to further the objectives of the JFK Act, and compile the most complete historical record possible of the events surrounding the

assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Please feel free to contact either me or Jeremy Gunn at (202) 724-0088 should you have any questions whatsoever.

Sincerely yours,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

Enclosures

cc: Frederick Graboske, Archivist of the Marine Corps