

Assassination Records Review Board

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Dear Mr. Ravnitzky:

This letter is in response to your note dated June 29, 1995 regarding FOIA requests with the FBI.

As I know you are aware, under Section 5(c)(2)(G) (ii) of The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, relevant Government offices have the obligation to:

give priority to-

the identification, review, and transmission, under the standards for postponement set forth in this Act, of assassination records that on the date of enactment of this Act are the subject of litigation under section 552 of title 5, United States Code. (emphasis added.)

Thus, the burden is on the particular Government offices to "give priority to" requests for assassination records which were part of FOIA litigation at the time of enactment of the Act, not those that were simply the subject of FOIA requests at the time of enactment of the Act.

The Board has accumulated a significant amount of information regarding specific assassination records. Some of the assassination records are the subject of FOIA requests, others are part of FOIA litigation. The staff is processing, reviewing and

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organizing this information in a manner which will allow for coordinated, effective and efficient action. Specific notation is made if a particular record is part of a FOIA request or FOIA litigation. As part of our continuing communications with relevant Federal offices, we intend to highlight their obligation, noted above, with regard to records which were the subject of FOIA litigation at the time of the enactment of the Act.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the work of the Review Board.

Sincerely,

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