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Mr. Joseph Backes
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Dear Mr. Backes:

Thank you for your letter of October 24, 1996. I apologize for the delay in responding to you.

I spoke with Steve Tilley of the National Archives and Records Administration about the records you listed as 'missing.' Mr. Tilley explained to me that every document you listed is in fact at the Archives, but it is important to understand how records are filed in the JFK Collection.

In some instances, you may find only pages of documents on which the Review Board acted. That is to say, if the Board votes on two pages of a ten page document (the other eight pages being open in full already) then you will only find the two pages that the Board voted on. All pages of these documents are at the Archives, however, you may find they are not always filed together. The reason for this separation is that the time and resources needed to maintain, in essence, two collections, would be too great for the small JFK Access staff.

The 198 HSCA documents you listed have also been transferred to the National Archives. If you have any additional questions about the JFK Collection filing system, please contact the JFK Access staff.

Sincerely,

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