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Subject: JFK Lancer Scholarship Award Winners

WE HAVE OUR 1997 WINNERS! TEACHER WINNER: BRUCE HITCHCOCK We wished to reward a teaching professional who has demonstrated leadership and dedication in teaching young people the assassination events in the classroom. This teacher should have set a standard of excellence in research for their students to strive for and personally contributed information to the understanding of the murder of President John F. Kennedy. Recognizing the need for ethical leadership in the 21st century and the increasingly important role of teachers as leaders, JFK Lancer offers the JFK Lancer Scholarship For Teachers who demonstrate characteristics of leadership. The scholarship is \$500 cash and \$100 value of research materials the selected teacher may choose from our catalog. We are proud to award our scholarship this year to Bruce Hitchcock. John W. Ford, principal of Noblesville High School stated, "I take a great deal of pride in presenting Bruce Hitchcock to you as a master teacher, professional educator, and a friend of many students as a candidate for the JFK Lancer Scholarship." Mr. Hitchcock is a 29 year teacher of Social Science at Noblesville High School, Noblesville, Indiana, where he also serves as Department Chairperson. Mr. Hitchcock's explains his teaching activities: Assigning his Jr. Honors U.S. history class the project of placing the Warren Commission Report on trial. During the student's senior year, Mr. Hitchcock, through his Congressman, Dan Burton, and David Marwell, Former Executive Director of the Assassination Records Review Board, arranged, for the summer of 1995, an internship opportunity with the Review Board for these students. To date, five groups from Noblesville High School, totaling 56 students, have interned with the Board. In 1996 and 1997 students preparing for the internship conducted similar trials during the school's seminar period. As a result of the publicity generated by these activities, materials and hundreds of pages of documents have been donated for use in the JFK assassination class studies. Mr. Hitchcock was asked to testify before the House Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice concerning the Board's request for their extension. Noblesville's Board of School Trustees have recognized Mr. Hitchcock's students by regularly hearing presentations regarding their research and internship. Each has been individually recognized by the board's adoption of a formal resolution. Teacher Finalists for the 1997 Award were: Russ Burr from Forest View Alternative School, Arlington Heights, IL. Mr. Burr teaches a unit on Contemporary American Issues with the starting point being the JFK assassination. This opened many doors to learning about JFK's presidency and his legacy to the world. Gary Becker from Grover Cleveland High School, Buffalo, NY. Mr. Becker is a 30 year teacher of U.S. Government and Economics, Psychology and Sociology, and U.S. History. who has taught units on the JFK assassination for the past seven years. STUDENT WINNER: AMY TRAUERNICHT We were looking for a

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