

April 25, 2017

Daniel S. Golden  
Administrator  
National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
300 E Street SW,  
Washington, DC 20546

Re: National Aeronautics and Space Administration Compliance with the JFK Assassination  
Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107

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Dear Mr. Golden:

I am writing in regard to NASA's compliance with the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994) (JFK Act). Under the JFK Act, all Federal Government offices -- including NASA -- are required to search for and identify records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. The Assassination Records Review Board, a panel appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, is responsible for overseeing governmental compliance with the JFK Act. A copy of the law and a publication describing the Review Board is enclosed.

In particular, we are interested in locating any records associated with the trajectory analysis study conducted by Dr. Thomas Canning in 1978. Dr. Canning was a Staff Engineer for the Space Projects Division at the NASA Ames Research Center at Moffet Field, California, who conducted this study at the request of the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA). While the records of the HSCA contain the draft report and various correspondence from Dr. Canning,<sup>1</sup> we are currently looking for additional material, including notes, memoranda, models, graphs and any other documents used by Dr. Canning to conduct his trajectory analysis. I have included copies of some of his correspondence in the hopes that this will assist in your search.

Additionally, I would appreciate it if you would identify those individuals who will be responsible for the process of searching for, identifying and reviewing assassination records. For your convenience,

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<sup>1</sup> We have recently been in contact with Mr. Richard Soppet, of the NASA Security Office. Mr. Soppet has assisted us in reviewing for release those HSCA records that have NASA equities.

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I am enclosing our "JFK Records Contacts" form on which you may identify the names, titles and telephone numbers of those people you designate to be our points of contact at NASA.

We look forward to working with NASA to further the important objectives of the JFK Act. If you have any questions, please contact Colonel (ret.) Timothy Wray or Dennis Quinn on our staff.

Sincerely yours,

David G. Marwell  
Executive Director

Enclosures