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March 25, 1996

Mr. Kevin J. Janet  
Freedom of Information Section  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
DEA/AMRL  
Washington, DC 20537

Re: Bureau of Narcotics Documents Provided to the House Select Committee on  
Assassinations (HSCA) by Metro-Dade Police Department

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Dear Mr. Janet:

As part of its responsibilities under the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (note), the Assassination Records Review Board is now reviewing materials compiled by the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) during its three-year investigation (1976-1978) into the assassination of President Kennedy. The Review Board is reviewing HSCA records to determine to what extent they may be made available to the public.

In March of 1977, HSCA investigator Gaeton Fonzi secured various files relating to organized crime from the Metro-Dade Police Department of Miami, Florida. After the passage of the JFK Act, these records were referred to Metro-Dade by the National Archives and Record Administration for the department's review under the JFK Act. Recently, Metro-Dade informed the Review Board that it had no objection to the release of the documents.

Included in the Metro-Dade files secured by the HSCA are two documents originated by the Bureau of Narcotics. One of these is a three-page, December 27, 1966 Memorandum Report originating from the District No. 6 office of the Bureau. This document forms a part of HSCA record 180-10094-10289. The other document is a twenty-page Bureau file, dated "September 1961," on Santo Trafficante. This file constitutes the entirety of HSCA record 180-10094-10309. Both of these records are attached.

The Review Board intends to review these two documents at its meeting of April 16-17, 1996. Should DEA have any objection to the release of these records, or parts thereof, the agency should inform the Board of its objections -- with specificity -- by April 9, 1996. Our Board will consider any evidence DEA wishes to submit in support of such objections.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kevin Tiernan or Joe Freeman of my staff.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

David G. Marwell  
Executive Director

Enclosures: HSCA records 180-10094-10309 and 180-10094-10289