May 13, 1996

Mr. John Pereira, Chief Historical Review Group Central Intelligence Agency 404 Ames Building Washington, DC 20505

Re: ARRB Review of 45 House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) Records Referred to the CIA by NARA

Dear John:

I am enclosing copies of forty-five (45) records that the Review Board intends to review at its meeting of June 25-26. Should CIA wish to request postponements in any of the records, we ask that evidence in support of such requests be forwarded to the ARRB by June 18, 1996.

The Review Board believes that these HSCA records may be among those previously referred to CIA by the National Archives and Record Administration during its initial processing of HSCA material under the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act (JFK Act). None of the records is CIA-originated. None, in our judgment, contains substantive CIA equities that the Agency would wish to protect. Our Board would therefore like to clear these documents for release to the public.

Most of these these records are associated with New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy, including investigative memos and interview transcripts from that inquiry. In addition, there are three transcripts of interviews conducted by New Orleans media outlets in connection with their coverage of the investigation. There are also a small number of records associated with the HSCA's follow-up of Garrison investigation leads during the Committee's 1976-1978 proceedings. Finally, there are six (6) HSCA-era records pertaining to the Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (DRE).

Thank you for your cooperation. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joe Freeman or Mary McAuliffe of my staff.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell Executive Director Enclosures