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Dear Colonel Bisacre:

Mr. Douglas Horne, my Military Records Team Leader, recently informed me that the Army's Central Security Facility had been disestablished, and that the Investigative Records Repository (IRR) had been placed under your command. The purpose of this letter, per your request as relayed to us by Ms. Elaine Rogic, is to memorialize certain aspects of outstanding business between the Assassination Records Review Board and the Investigative Records Repository.

As I understand it, Mr. Horne's predecessor on my staff, Mr. Tim Wray, proposed in December, 1996 that ARRB pursue outstanding referrals of the IRR investigative files which constitute the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) "sequestered collection at IRR," providing IRR would photocopy the pages in each file which had been referred to other agencies, and provide that copy to ARRB. This strategy was subsequently agreed to by Elaine Rogic, the Director of the IRR. Theoretically, it was believed that the ARRB would be better able to devote resources to pressing the respective agencies about these referrals, and the process of record declassification and subsequent release to the JFK Collection at the Archives would in this way be expedited. Copies of the outstanding referral pages for the applicable files were copied and forwarded to ARRB by IRR, as had been agreed to.

This letter confirms this arrangement. Recent discussions between Mr. Horne and Ms. Rogic resulted in Elaine Rogic sending to Mr. Horne, on July 29, 1997, a facsimile (provided here as an enclosure) which identifies those HSCA sequestered collection IRR files for which IRR has not received responses to its referrals. This list identifies 25 files for which referrals have not been received by IRR, and for which ARRB accepts responsibility for follow-up. Our goal is to stimulate the agencies which hold referrals to complete their processing and return these referrals to IRR not later than February 1, 1998. Since the ARRB will formally shut down on September 30, 1998, we would hope to receive for Review Board consideration the complete working file on each individual

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(i.e., the pages IRR reviewed itself, married to all returned referrals), with proposed postponements (in accordance with the terms of the JFK Act) identified along with reason codes, within one month of the return of all referrals for that file. As is the case with every other agency with which we are processing records for transmission to the Archives, the Review Board will pass judgement on IRR's proposed postponements, and following any necessary clarification or changes, IRR will then be required to submit the following to the ARRB:

- (1) The unmarked original of each document; and
- (2) A redacted version of each document, with the redactions and substitute language approved by the Review Board blacked out.

Following the normal processing actions by our staff (which include the preparation of final determination forms for NARA), each such package of records (i.e., original plus redacted version) will then be forwarded to the JFK Collection in the National Archives by the ARRB.

This agreement is not inclusive of declassification review for additional assassination records IRR is pursuing at this time (which are not a part of the HSCA "sequestered collection"), namely selected pages from the files of Clemard Joseph Charles, and Jordan James Pfuntner, nor would this arrangement be applicable to any future files which may designated as assassination records by the ARRB. In these cases, we are depending upon IRR to pursue any necessary referrals, as is normally the case.

Should you have any questions, please call me at (202) 724-0088.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

Enclosure