

August 28, 1997

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Washington Headquarters Services  
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The Pentagon, Room 5C315  
Washington, DC 20301

Re: Office of the Secretary of Defense Third-Party Review of Assassination Records Referred by the Investigative Records Repository

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Dear Mr. Bosworth:

I am writing you in your capacity as the designated JFK Compliance Official for the Office of the Secretary of Defense. The purpose of this letter is to request that OSD promptly review and return an "assassination record" that previously was forwarded to you for third-agency review by the U.S. Army Investigative Records Repository (IRR).

Listed below is the case number, subject name, and page count for this outstanding referral that our records indicate was sent to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) by IRR, and has not (as of July 29, 1997) been returned to IRR:

<u>Case No. and Subject Name</u>	<u>Total Pages</u>
27-J Werbell, Mitchell L.	342

I am enclosing IRR's original 3-page JFK File Index, and the IRR correspondence that originally accompanied this document as it was transmitted from IRR to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs).

We are requesting that by October 17, 1997, you: (a) complete your declassification review of the referrals listed above; (b) return the records to IRR with any suggested redactions ("postponements" under the JFK Act) highlighted or bracketed; (c) provide reason codes for any postponements

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identified in accordance with Section 6 of the JFK Act; and (d) submit your evidence in support of desired postponements as attachments to each document package when it is returned to IRR. The Chief of IRR is aware that the Review Board is contacting agencies to which IRR had referred records and supports our efforts to expedite the completion of declassification review, so that all IRR records can be placed before the Review Board during its November meeting.

For any document referral packages not returned to IRR by October 17, the Review Board will infer that the agencies concerned do not object to "release in full" of those documents, and will act accordingly.

If compelling reasons are presented to the ARRB in writing, one-time extensions to this deadline of October 17 will be considered, providing new deadlines are proposed which appear reasonable to the Board.

The ARRB point-of-contact for all matters related to these referrals is Mr. Jim Goslee, at (202) 724-0088.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn  
General Counsel

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Elaine V. Rogic, Chief, IRR