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Re: Records Related to the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

Dear Mr. Miller:

I am writing to follow-up on our telephone conversation today with Carlotta Wells of the Justice Department regarding the subpoena served on Nancy Sheridan and the subpoena to you that has been prepared but not served.

As we said to you today, a principal goal of the Assassination Records Review Board is to locate and review records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. It is always our intent to work cooperatively with witnesses and to avoid any unnecessary disputes.

With regard to Mrs. Sheridan, it is our understanding that you have the matter under advisement and that you are seeking additional information from a third party. Although we are eager to get these issues resolved expeditiously, we are willing to offer you an additional week (until March 31) for you to advise us of your response. Although we are aware that there are various arguments that parties could make in an attempt to forestall compliance with a subpoena, we believe that the resources of Mrs. Sheridan and the Federal government can better be employed in venues other than the courts.

With regard to the subpoena that has been prepared for you, I am sending a copy of "Attachment A" of the subpoena that describes the types of records and information that we would like to obtain from you. Again, we prefer not to serve a subpoena or seek enforcement of it. Virtually all former Federal officials with whom we have spoken have been very cooperative and willing to share with us the information that they gained in the course of their duties. We hope that you will respond similarly. We ask that you provide us a clear answer, by April 7, 1997, to the question whether you are willing to speak with us and to make available for our review any records responsive to "Attachment A" that you may have in your possession. If we do not have a clear answer by that date, we will take steps to serve the subpoena.

Please feel free to contact me at (202) 724-0088 if you have any questions.

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Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn
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Enclosure

cc: Carlotta P. Wells, Esq.