

# Assassination Records Review Board

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June \_\_, 1995

DRAFT

The Honorable Thomas A. Constantine  
Administrator  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
Washington, D.C. 20537

Re: Status of Drug Enforcement Administration Identification and Review  
of JFK Assassination Records Under 44 U.S.C. § 2107

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Dear Mr. Constantine:

I am writing in regard to the Drug Enforcement Administrations' compliance with The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act (JFK Act).<sup>1</sup> The JFK Act established the Assassination Records Review Board to ensure that all government offices identify their records to the Assassination of President Kennedy and send them to the National Archives. The Review Board has now promulgated its definition of "Assassination Record" as provided under Section 7(n) of the JFK Act.<sup>2</sup>

To that end I wish to determine who at the DEA is responsible for review of assassination records under the JFK Act. I am enclosing a form on which you can provide the names, titles, relevant responsibilities, and telephone and fax numbers of all persons at the DEA with whom you would like us to be in contact regarding DEA compliance with the law. I am particularly interested in your identifying the person responsible for your electronic identification aids.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>44 U.S.C. § 2107. A copy of the JFK Act is enclosed.

<sup>2</sup> I am enclosing a draft copy of the definition to assist you in the identification and review of assassination records. The official version of the definition will appear shortly in the *Federal Register*.

<sup>3</sup>The identification aids are called "Record Identification Forms" or "RIFs" by the National Archives.

On June 28, 1994, Kevin Janet of your Freedom of Information Section responded to a letter from Dr. William L. Joyce, a member of the Review Board. A copy of his response is enclosed. Mr. Janet suggested that the only records reviewed by the DEA under the JFK Act were those records referred to the DEA by other federal agencies in which the DEA had an interest. Now that the Review Board has promulgated its definition, we wish to reestablish contact with the DEA regarding its past and anticipated efforts to locate and review assassination records.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 724-0088, ext. 232, if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely yours,

David G. Marwell  
Executive Director

Enclosures (JFK Act, Definition, Janet response to Joyce letter, 1 form)

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