April 21, 1997

Mr. Bert Hagget
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Dear Mr. Hagget:

On April 17, 1997, Mr. Joseph Masih of my staff spoke with you regarding the Clemard Joseph Charles file at the Army's Investigative Records Repository (IRR). The Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB) staff has made a preliminary review of this file and determined that portions likely fall within the definition of what constitutes an assassination record, as defined by the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994) (JFK Act).

It is our understanding that, as an initial step, you will request a copy of the Clemard Joseph Charles file from IRR and contact Mr. Masih within approximately two weeks of its receipt in your office, so that ARRB staff can perform a final review at the Pentagon and mark those pages which we are interested in placing in the JFK Collection at the National Archives. Subsequent to completion of our identification efforts, you will have the opportunity to identify which portions, if any, of these records may qualify for postponement under Section 6 of the JFK Act. A copy of the JFK Act is provided as an attachment to this letter for your convenience.

If you have any questions, please contact either Douglas Horne, Chief Analyst for Military Records, or Senior Analyst Joseph Masih of my staff. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell Executive Director

Enclosure