October 1, 1996

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Mr. Edmund F. McBride
Chief, Joint Staff Information Management Division
The Pentagon
Washington, DC 20318-0400

Re: Joint Staff Review of OSD Documents IAW JFK Records Collection Act

Dear Mr. McBride:

The Office of the Secretary of Defense recently provided us with six documents related to the assassination of President Kennedy. The cover letter accompanying these documents (copy attached) noted that the Joint Staff had requested postponements in documents 1, 2 and 3. (These three documents are currently classified Top Secret and are being provided separately.)

In view of the fact that these three documents have been cleared for declassification in full by the State Department, the CIA, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense, I ask that you review them once more to determine whether the redactions previously requested remain valid. The standards for this review should be those set forth in the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994) (JFK Act) which states that such records "should carry a presumption of immediate disclosure" unless circumstances specifically warrant postponement under one of the narrow categories defined by Section 6 of the Act.

Should you consider that postponements are still necessary, please provide us copies of the document(s) showing specifically which passages you desire to have redacted. In order for the Review Board to sustain the postponements, you should also provide a written justification that specifically explains why each passage for which postponement is requested meets the standard allowed by the Act. So that the Board may consider these documents during its November meeting, we ask that you provide your response to us not later than November 1, 1996.

Thank you for your continuing assistance. We greatly appreciate your prompt and thorough attention to previous JFK documents and look forward to working with you in the future as the need

arises.

Sincerely yours,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

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