September 19, 1997

Mrs. Violet E. Kelley 3257 Leisure World Blvd. Silver Spring, MD 20906

Dear Mrs. Kelley:

I am writing you on behalf of the Assassination Records Review Board, an independent Federal Agency established pursuant to the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 1992 (Supp. V 1994). I am contacting you in the hope that we might arrange for a meeting to discuss your knowledge of the disposition of records that may have been in the possession of Secret Service Assistant Director Thomas Kelley after he retired.

The Review Board, whose members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, is charged with collecting records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. The Review Board is not seeking to reach any conclusions regarding the assassination, but is primarily concerned with identifying, clarifying, locating, and making available assassination records. I am enclosing some explanatory material about the Review Board and its mandate.

I will attempt to call you before the end of September in order to arrange a time to meet with you. If you have any questions in response to this letter, please feel free to call me or Jeremy Gunn, General Counsel of the Assassination Records Review Board, at 202-724-0088.

Sincerely yours,

Joan Zimmerman Senior Analyst

Enclosures