

December 9, 1996

Ms. Jane E. Vezeris
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Office of Administration
United States Secret Service
1800 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20223

Re: Assassination Records Review Board Proposal Regarding *The Record*

Dear Jane:

I am writing to convey a proposal from the Assassination Records Review Board for placing *The Record* in the National Archives.

At the November 13-14, 1996 meeting, the Review Board examined copies of pages from *The Record* for July, August, and September 1963, which documented issues pertaining to "Protection of the President." Having found that this information potentially qualifies as an "assassination record," the Review Board proposes that the Secret Service forward its volumes of *The Record* for the years 1960 through 1965 to the Textual Reference Division, which houses prior volumes dated 1938 through 1959. It is our understanding that volumes of *The Record* currently in the custody of the National Archives have been available to the public since April 24, 1981.

The Review Board also proposes that these volumes of *The Record* for 1960-1965, be placed in the National Archives by January 22, 1997, and that notice of their presence in the Textual Reference Division be given to Mr. Steven Tilley at the JFK Collection. If the Secret Service agrees with this suggestion, the Review Board will refrain from formally designating *The Record* for 1960-1965 an "assassination record" on the assumption that it will be permanently available for researchers at the Archives facility in College Park.

The Review Board will delay its designation of *The Record* as an "assassination record" until it receives a reply from the Secret Service regarding this proposal. We request your reply to this proposal by January 7, 1997, so the Review Board can make its final deliberations.

If you have any questions regarding this proposal, please call me.

Sincerely yours,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Donald Personette