December 10, 1997

Ms. Celia Winter FOIA/Privacy Officer Veterans Health Administration 810 Vermont Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20420

Re: Veteran's Health Administration Equities in the Records of the House Select on Assassination Subject to *The John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of* 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107

Dear Ms. Winter:

The staff of the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Review Board has identified a number of HSCA documents that we intend to present to the Review Board for review of postponements at the Review Board meeting on January 21 and 22, 1998. Among the documents identified is the enclosed regarding Mr. Seymour Weitzman which came from your facility in Bonham, Texas.

We are identifying these documents to you now so that you can decide whether you wish to postpone release of the information in question. Please keep in mind the provisions of the JFK Act which anticipate that the information will be withheld from public release only in "the rarest cases" and only pursuant to one of the provisions of Section 6 of the Act.

So that we may adequately prepare our presentation to the Review Board with the benefit of any submission you may wish to make, you must submit evidence or arguments in support of any postponements you choose to assert in writing no later than January 8, 1998. If you do not respond to this letter by the above deadline, we will assume that your agency intends to release in full its equities in the HSCA record at issue, and we will recommend that the Review Board vote to release in full your agency's equities in the record.

In many of the HSCA documents with third agency equities, we believe that the third agencies could, consistent with their current guidelines for JFK assassination-related information, consent to full release of the information at issue.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed document, please call Kevin Tiernan of the Review Board staff at (202) 724-0088. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn Executive Director