

# Assassination Records Review Board

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1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
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Re: United States Customs Service's Compliance with the JFK Assassination Records  
Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107

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Dear Ms. Marshall:

Thank you for meeting with Laura Denk and me on Wednesday, July 26. We appreciate the Customs Service's willingness to comply with the JFK Act.

This letter will confirm our understanding that you will be our primary contact person and that you will be coordinating the search for assassination records within the Customs Service.

Thank you for agreeing to provide us with a listing of Customs holdings in the relevant Federal Records Centers, document retention and destruction policies and agreements with NARA from the late 1950s to the present, a description of your filing system, an organizational chart of Customs, and the book, History of Customs, that Mr. London mentioned during our meeting. We are looking forward to receiving and reviewing this material.

I particularly appreciate the opportunity to discuss categories of assassination records that Customs may have, including, but not limited to, records on the following topics:

- Lee Harvey Oswald and/or Marina Oswald (Porter)'s travels to and from the Soviet Union and Mexico;
- Jack Ruby's travels to and from Cuba;

- individuals connected with the assassination, including all individuals about whom the HSCA requested information;
- anti-Castro activities, including gun-running activities in New Orleans, Dallas, Florida, the closing of anti-Castro bases in 1962-1963; and surveillance of David Ferrie;
- organized crime in the late 1950s and early 1960s, including organized crime in New Orleans and organized crime links with Cuban activity; and
- gun-running activities during the relevant time period.

We would appreciate updates on the status of your search for these and other assassination records. Once you have retrieved assassination records from your files, we would like to review this material and discuss further with you its processing under our statute. As you requested, I have asked Tracy Shycoff, Associate Director of Administration at the Review Board, to send confirmation of our security clearances to Mr. London. Presumably, you will have received confirmation of our clearances by the time this letter reaches you.

We would also appreciate updates on the status of your processing of referrals from third agencies.

As we discussed in the meeting, Steve Tilley is the Chief of the JFK Assassination Collection at the National Archives. The collection is housed at NARA's facility in College Park. Mr. Tilley's telephone number is (301) 713-6620. His telecopier number is (301) 713-7480. Mr. Tilley can give you extensive information on the electronic identification aids that the JFK Act requires each agency to create for its own assassination records.

Thank you again for organizing the meeting. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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