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September 8, 1998

Randy Deitering  
Acting Executive Director  
President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board  
Old Executive Office Building--Room 340  
Washington, DC 20502

Re: PFIAB Records and the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107

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Dear Mr. Deitering:

Enclosed you will find a complete set of the PFIAB records marked to reflect the Review Board staff's recommendations to the Review Board. All the necessary agencies have now reviewed these documents. Pursuant to our discussions, the Review Board will vote on these recommendations at their meeting scheduled for September 14, 1998.

In terms of your request for a statement describing the relevancy of each record, the public interest to be served by its disclosure, and the extent to which the information included in the record is not available from other sources, the Review Board would direct your attention to the provisions of the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 and the letter of May 27, 1998 sent to PFIAB General Counsel Frank W. Fountain by then Review Board Executive Director T. Jeremy Gunn which explains the requirements of the JFK Act and the relevancy of PFIAB records on specific subjects to the Kennedy assassination. In addition, we would note that in agreement with the statements of PFIAB Chairman Warren Rudman to the Review Board on August, 25, 1998, the information contained within the PFIAB records is not available from other sources in that form.

Once the Review Board has voted on the records, PFIAB will have ten days to appeal the decision to the President under the provisions of the JFK Act. We hope that you will defer to the Board's judgement that these are assassination records and take the steps necessary to secure their release.

If you or your staff have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Laura Denk  
Executive Director