July 9, 1998

Mr. Taylor W. Lawrence
Staff Director
Senate Select Committee
      on Intelligence
211 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-6475

Re: Public Release of Church Committee Records Pursuant to the
         JFK Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

We have received your July 7, 1998 letter, and we appreciate the decision of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence ("SSCI") to make available for inspection by the Review Board the original records of the Church Committee.

We are proceeding to make the necessary arrangements so that my staff will be in a position to review the Church Committee files during the week of August 3. I will soon notify you of the staff members who will conduct the review, and I will confirm that they have the appropriate clearances (our staff members currently have top secret and SCI clearances, and we are obtaining from CIA, on an expedited basis, the appropriate compartmented clearance indicated in your letter). We recommend that an appropriately cleared staff person of the National Archives, who has experience with legislative records and the JFK Act, also be permitted to participate in the review.

To assist in our review, I ask that the SSCI submit to us any inventories, indices, or other documents that may have been created by SSCI to keep track of the records it selected for the JFK Collection. Because the secured vault for the Church Committee materials is so small and there is no work space, a review within the vault is highly impracticable. I therefore propose, and will assume that you agree, that the Church Committee materials can be reviewed within a conference room at the National Archives. We can coordinate with the National Archives to make those arrangements. Finally, I assume that Jim Wolfe of your staff and my associate Ron Haron can work out the adminstrative details for the review.

Again, thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn
Executive Director