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BY FACSIMILE

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Re: INS Release of Marina and Lee Harvey Oswald INS Files under the
JFK Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107

Dear Mr. Hastings:

I am writing to apprise you, in your capacity as the INS Compliance Officer, that the Review Board is concerned about delays by INS in complying with the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act ("JFK Act"), particularly the delay in releasing the INS files for Lee Harvey Oswald and Marina Oswald. While portions of the Lee file were publicly released by INS in November 1996, we understood that INS would release the balance of the Lee file, as well as the Marina file, shortly thereafter. That has yet to be done.

In her November 4, 1996 letter (copy enclosed), Ms. Rouse of INS assured the Review Board that all INS files would be processed within three months (*i.e.*, by early February). Only a small number of files has been transferred. At a minimum, the Oswald INS files should have been processed by now. The delay in publicly releasing these core files -- for a period of more than three years after the JFK Act required that

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they be sent to the National Archives -- is not acceptable. Please take appropriate steps to have these files processed and transferred for public release immediately.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: David A. Martin, General Counsel, INS
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