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VIA FACSIMILE AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

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Re: Request Under the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107, for
ATF Assassination Records Within the Custody or Control of
the Internal Revenue Service

Dear Mr. Squires:

I am writing to request that the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") make a search of its records to locate any assassination records of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms ("ATF") for the period before 1972 when ATF was a division within IRS. We are making this request of IRS because ATF has been unable to locate, or account for, any 1960's records relating to its involvement in the investigation of President Kennedy's assassination. ATF informally suggested that we check with IRS for such records.¹

Among the records we are attempting to locate are the 1963-64 files of the Dallas Field Office for the then Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Unit of IRS. The Supervisor for that Office was Carl R. Booth, Jr. Mr. Booth and another agent in that office, Frank Ellsworth, were among several ATF investigators at the scene of the Texas School Book Depository immediately following the assassination. See Jan. 16, 1964 Memorandum from Mr. Booth to the Secret Service (Attachment A hereto). Please check IRS's archival records to determine whether IRS has retained any 1963-64 ATF investigative files relating to the assassination, including any records relating to the Warren

¹ This request supplements our earlier request to IRS that it collect, and make available for inspection, all assassination records within its custody. See Dec. 16, 1996 Letter from D. Marwell to D. Squires.

Commission.

By separate letter, I am also requesting that IRS review, under the JFK Act, IRS equities in assassination records that have been referred to you by the FBI.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn
Executive Director