

August 14, 1998

VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

Mr. Harry Middleton
Director
Lyndon Baines Johnson Library
2313 Red River Street
Austin, Texas 78705

Re: LBJ Library Compliance with the JFK Assassination Records
Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107

Dear Mr. Middleton:

It has come to my attention that the LBJ Library has not yet submitted its Final Declaration of Compliance regarding the work it has done to comply with the JFK Act. We had asked that this Declaration be submitted to the Review Board by August 3, 1998. *See* May 26, 1998 Review Board Letter to the LBJ Library. It is essential that the LBJ Library submit to us its Final Declaration as soon as possible so that we can take account of the Library's statement in our Final Report to the President. I ask that the LBJ Library therefore submit its Final Declaration of Compliance absolutely no later than August 26.

In addition, we previously identified several outstanding issues regarding completion of the LBJ Library's work under the JFK Act. *See* May 26, 1998 Review Board Letter. I would like to obtain additional assurance that all outstanding work has been or will be completed, and the Library should explicitly represent in its Final Declaration that there are no remaining closed records in the possession of the Library that relate to the assassination of President Kennedy. To this end, the Review Board requests that you make Tina Houston available for an informal telephone interview so we may obtain a final status report on the LBJ Library's work under the JFK Act. It is my understanding that Ms. Houston is the archivist with primary responsibility for the Library's work under the JFK Act. The interview would be conducted jointly by Ronald Haron, our General Counsel, and Irene Marr, our analyst assigned to the LBJ Library. In an effort to set up the interview as soon as possible, I will have my staff coordinate directly with Tina Houston to set up a time when we could interview Ms. Houston next week.

I appreciate the LBJ Library's cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Laura Denk
Executive Director

cc: Christopher M. Runkel, Acting General Counsel
NARA (By Facsimile)

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