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

Dear Ms. Pugh:

As the Assassination Records Review Board ("Review Board") approaches the expiration of its mandate on September 30, I am writing to request that the Library of Congress finalize two matters under the JFK Act.

First, we request that the Congressional Research Service ("CRS") submit its Final Declaration of Compliance under the JFK Act and forward certain CRS assassination records to the JFK Collection at the National Archives.

Second, the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress has a copied set of materials from the Commission on CIA Activities within the United States ("the Rockefeller Commission"), including materials relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. As you know, materials of the Rockefeller Commission were identified by the JFK Act as an important category of assassination records. The set at the Library of Congress is closed until March 2002.

Having recently received the appropriate authorization to review these records, I inspected them with Mr. Barry Harrelson, JFK Project Chief for the CIA's Historical Review Program. Based on our survey, it did not appear that there were any original records, and it was our sense that these are duplicates of the Rockefeller Commission records that have been opened by the Ford Library. Indeed, the Library of Congress compliance statement (dated Jan. 22, 1998) explains that its set of Rockefeller Commission records "are a duplicate and partial set of the official records of the commission" and that "[a] complete set of the records of this commission are believed to exist at the

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Ford Presidential Library.” Therefore, it would appear unnecessary for the Library of Congress to process these records under the JFK Act to the extent that they merely replicate materials in the JFK Collection at the National Archives.

However, we recommend that the Library of Congress verify that it holds no unique Rockefeller Commission records not otherwise in the JFK Collection. We suggest that the Library consult with Steve Tilley, Chief for the JFK Collection, to obtain the most complete file listing of Rockefeller Commission records in the JFK Collection. While we do not want to see the Library expend unnecessary resources, we believe such a verification would be beneficial to ensure that the Library holds no unique, undisclosed records. Mr. Harrelson at the CIA has offered to work with the Library to declassify any records that the Library might identify.

Thank you for your cooperation, and please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: Steven D. Tilley, National Archives

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