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BY FACSIMILE & FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Mr. Larry E. Curry
Director
Correspondence & Directives
Washington Headquarters Services
Office of the Secretary of Defense
1155 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1155

Re: Office of the Secretary of Defense Compliance with the JFK Assassination
Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107

Dear Mr. Curry:

I am writing to request a commitment from the Office of the Secretary of Defense ("OSD") that OSD will submit to the Assassination Records Review Board, within a reasonable time period, its Final Declaration of Compliance under the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 ("JFK Act").

After initially deciding that OSD would submit its Final Declaration in the Fall of 1997, we agreed on a number of extensions. According to my records, the OSD Final Declaration was due on December 19 but has not been submitted. We recognize that OSD has additional work under the JFK Act, and we are amenable to granting additional time as is necessary for OSD to complete its work. However, we would like an assurance that progress is being made on completing OSD's obligations under the JFK Act, including addressing the issues raised in our July 25, 1997 letter to you. We therefore request an informal status report, by letter, apprising us of the progress that has been made to date.

We would hope that OSD can complete its work under the JFK Act, and submit its Final Compliance Statement, by February 28, 1998. If you need additional time, we are amenable to another extension but we seek your assurance that progress is being made to complete OSD's obligations under the JFK

Act.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Ronald G. Haron
Associate General Counsel

cc: Stewart F. Aly, Associate Deputy General Counsel, DOD
(By fax)