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BY FACSIMILE & FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Mr. David K. Bosworth
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Room 5C315 --The Pentagon
Washington Headquarters Services
Office of the Secretary of Defense
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. Bosworth:

I am writing to inform you, in your capacity as Compliance Official for the Office of the Secretary of Defense ("OSD"), that the Review Board staff recently contacted John G. Kester, former Special Assistant to Defense Secretary Harold Brown and liaison to the House Select Committee on Assassinations ("HSCA"). We contacted Mr. Kester to determine if he had any information that would assist OSD in locating OSD files on the HSCA's investigation of President Kennedy's assassination. Mr. Kester provided no information regarding the identity or disposition of those files.

As another suggestion for locating OSD's records on the HSCA investigation, you may want to check your internal files relating to the FOIA litigation captioned *Allen v. Department of Defense*, No. 81-2543 (D.D.C.), which related to a FOIA request for CIA and Department of Defense records provided to the HSCA. In fact, it was our understanding that you had located for review some FOIA files relating to the assassination (see July 25, 1997 Letter from R. Haron to L. Curry ¶ 2 (c)).

We were advised that OSD needs additional time to finish its work under the JFK Act and, therefore, OSD is not yet prepared to submit its Final Declaration of Compliance. Accordingly, please keep Mr. Doug Horne of our Military Team informed regarding the progress of OSD's work. Rather than set a deadline for submission of the Final Declaration of Compliance, please apprise us when OSD's work is close to complete and when we can expect OSD's submission of its Final Declaration.

Thank you again for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Ronald G. Haron
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