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House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
The Capitol -- Room H-405
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Pike Committee Records Under the JFK Assassination Records
Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107

Dear Mr. Murray:

Following up on my December 24, 1997 letter to you, as well as our recent conversation, please confirm that the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence ("HPSCI") will forward to the Review Board approximately 20 Pike Committee records related to the assassination that we had identified as having been redacted. Our purpose for obtaining these records is to evaluate whether the redactions are appropriate under the standards of the JFK Act.

On a separate but related issue, I am writing to request formally that the Review Board be permitted to inspect any indices, finding aids, or other records that identify all Pike Committee records in archives. The purpose for our reviewing such indices or similar materials is to confirm that the HPSCI has indeed identified all assassination records within the universe of Pike Committee records in storage. Please understand that we are not questioning the diligence or good faith of the HPSCI staff that determined what records were to be placed in the JFK Collection at the National Archives. However, at this time, we do not have any information regarding the identity or volume of Pike Committee records that were reviewed for materials relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. We therefore seek to determine, for the public record, what universe of records were reviewed and how the assassination related materials were identified.

Sincerely,

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