

December 27, 1995

Mr. David R. Hinson, Administrator  
Federal Aviation Administration  
800 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Mr. Hinson:

It is our understanding that the Federal Aviation Administration has not named a point of contact for records coming within the scope of the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (note). Accordingly, I have addressed this communication to you as head of your agency.

As part of its responsibilities under the JFK Act, the Assassination Records Review Board is now reviewing materials compiled by the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) during its three-year investigation (1976-1979) into the assassination of President Kennedy. The Review Board is reviewing HSCA records to determine to what extent they may be made available to the public through the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

We have identified, from among the HSCA materials, a record that contains information in which the FAA may have some equity. This record should have been sent to you several months ago by NARA to determine whether the FAA has any objection to the release of information contained in it. According to our records, no response has been received from the FAA. If the FAA has no objection to the release of the information in the documents, the Review Board presumably will open the records in full at its meeting on January 30, 1996. For this reason, it is important that you communicate to us any objections that you might have regarding the release of the document in question. (NARA's Record Information Form -- RIF -- for this record is enclosed.)

The record in question concerns an FAA investigation (dated 12/13/1963) into allegations against Captain David W. Ferrie (re: corruption of various minors). The HSCA obtained the file from the FAA's Office of Investigations and Security. Pending the Review Board's review, NARA has released the record but has redacted (or "postponed") the names of the juveniles involved, as well as other names or place names which might give the juveniles' names away. NARA made these redactions because of personal privacy concerns.

At its meeting on January 30, 1996, the Review Board will review this record and NARA's proposed

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postponements. If the FAA wishes to present evidence on behalf of NARA's proposed postponements, it should do so in writing not later than January 21, 1996. If an agency representative would like to review this record in advance of January 21st, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell  
Executive Director