

December 8, 1997

Mr. John W. Matthews
Director, Army Declassification Agency
4600 North Fairfax Drive
Arlington, Virginia 22203

Re: Requested Army Postponements in Army Document Dated 28 March, 1963 (Record Number 198-10005-10016)

Dear Mr. Matthews:

Attached to this letter, as enclosure (1), is a SECRET Army document dated 28 March, 1963 for which Army reviewers from your Agency requested postponements during the October 1997 joint declassification session conducted at our offices in Washington.

The Review Board will evaluate whatever evidence you can provide in support of your desired postponements (redactions) in this document at its January 22, 1997 meeting. The reason given for the desired postponements by your staff was Section 6 (1) (A) of the JFK Act: namely, that "(1) the threat to the military defense, intelligence operations, or conduct of foreign relations of the United States posed by the public disclosure...is of such gravity that it outweighs the public interest, and such public disclosure would reveal (A) an intelligence agent whose identity currently requires protection."

Please submit any evidence you may wish to present in support of these desired postponements by close-of-business January 16, 1997. If specific evidence is not presented, the Board will infer a lack of interest in defending your agencies' equities, and will act accordingly by opening them in full.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Douglas Horne, Chief Analyst for Military Records, or myself, at (202) 724-0088.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn
Executive Director

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