

August 13, 1996

The Honorable James H. Billington
Librarian of Congress
101 Independence Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20540-1000

Re: Compliance with the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records
Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994)

Dear Mr. Billington:

I am writing on behalf of the Assassination Records Review Board, an independent federal agency created by The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994) (JFK Act). Under the JFK Act, all Federal agencies, including the Library of Congress, are responsible for identifying all records in their possession related to the assassination of President Kennedy. I am enclosing a copy of the JFK Act for your review.

By mid-1993, under the JFK Act, all Federal agencies should have identified all records in their possession related to the assassination by 1993. It has come to the Review Board's attention, through the JFK Collection at the National Archives, that no records have been so designated by the Library of Congress.

Although we cannot be certain to what extent the Library may possess assassination records, we presume that it is likely that such records might be found in the papers of former Chief Justice Earl Warren, for example, can be assumed to contain important assassination records which should be part of the JFK Collection. Another likely source of assassination records would be the files of the Congressional Research Service (CRS). (In the late 1970's, CRS undertook various research tasks for the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA), and records generated in the course of these efforts are clearly assassination records under the JFK Act. We have taken the liberty of contacting CRS directly relative to these and related records, and a copy of my letter to Mr. Ross is attached.)

In order to ensure that the Library of Congress is in full compliance with the JFK Act, we would like to ask you to designate an official at the Library who can act as a liaison with the Review Board and that that person contact our General Counsel, T. Jeremy Gunn, as soon as possible.

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Thank you in advance for your cooperation. I look forward to hearing back from you in the near future and working with your designee in implementing the JFK Act.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

Enclosures