

September 2, 1997

Defense Investigative Service
Office of Information and Public Affairs
ATTN: Dale Hartig
1430 Braddock Place
Alexandria, VA 22314-1651

Re: Defense Investigative Service Third-Party Review of Assassination Records Referred by the Investigative Records Repository

Dear Mr. Hartig:

I am writing you in your capacity as the designated JFK Compliance Official for the Defense Investigative Service. The purpose of this letter is to request that DIS promptly review and return an "assassination record" that previously was forwarded to you for third-agency review by the U.S. Army Investigative Records Repository (IRR).

Listed below is the case number, subject name, and page count for this outstanding referral that our records indicate was sent to the Defense Investigative Service by IRR, and has not (as of July 29, 1997) been returned to IRR:

| <u>Case No. and Subject Name</u> | <u>Total Pages</u> |
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I am enclosing IRR's original 3-page JFK File Index, and the IRR correspondence that originally accompanied this document as it was transmitted from IRR to the Defense Investigative Service.

We are requesting that by October 17, 1997, you: (a) complete your declassification review of the referrals listed above; (b) return the records to IRR with any suggested redactions ("postponements" under the JFK Act) highlighted or bracketed; (c) provide reason codes for any postponements identified in accordance with Section 6 of the JFK Act; and (d) submit your evidence in support of desired postponements as attachments to the document package when it is returned to IRR. The

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Chief of IRR is aware that the Review Board is contacting agencies to which IRR had referred records and supports our efforts to expedite the completion of declassification review, so that all IRR records can be placed before the Review Board during its November meeting.

For any document referral packages not returned to IRR by October 17, the Review Board will infer that the agencies concerned do not object to "release in full" of those documents, and will act accordingly.

The ARRB point-of-contact for all matters related to these referrals is Mr. Jim Goslee, at (202) 724-0088.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn
General Counsel

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Elaine V. Rogic, Chief, IRR