

February 27, 1996

Mr. W.E. Collins
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FAA Aeronautical Center
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Re: Compliance with John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act,
44 U.S.C. § 2107

Dear Mr. Collins:

The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994) (JFK Act), requires all federal agencies to search for records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. The Assassination Records Review Board is charged with the responsibility of overseeing compliance with the JFK Act. A copy of the law and a publication describing the Review Board is enclosed.

According to our records, the Civil Aeromedical Institute of the FAA has not identified any records related to the assassination. Because we have reason to believe that your agency may well be in possession of such records, we ask you to begin a search to locate all such records.

Eighteen years ago, a scientist employed by the Civil Aeromedical Institute directed a panel of forensic anthropologists for the House Select Committee on Assassinations. The scientist, Dr. Clyde Snow, was at that point the Chief of the Physical Anthropology Division of the Civil Aeromedical Institute. In this capacity Dr. Snow testified before the Committee on September 22, 1978. Dr. Snow also submitted a report to the Committee, dated July 14, 1978, entitled "Displacement of Cutaneous Landmarks of Anterior Neck with Head Rotation and Extension, Final Report to Select Committee on Assassinations, U.S. House of Representatives." In addition, Dr. Snow assisted NASA's Thomas Canning and a photographic consultant panel in a trajectory analysis of the shots fired at President Kennedy in Dealey Plaza on November 22, 1963.

Accordingly, I would ask that you initiate a search in the Institute's files and archives for any records relating to Dr. Snow's work with the HSCA. These might include notes, drafts of reports,

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memorandum, models, diagrams, letters, etc. Any records found need to be processed under the terms of the JFK Act and forwarded to NARA. I would also ask that you designate a contact person for compliance with the Act and inform me as to that person's name and office. Should the FAA wish to request postponements in any records, those requests will be reviewed by the ARRB and final determinations made as to their disposition.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

Enclosures

cc Mr. David R. Hinson, Administrator, FAA
Mr. Steve Tilley, JFK Access, NARA