

January 3, 1996

Ms. Tina Houston
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Dear Ms. Houston:

I would like to thank you, Claudia Anderson, and Regina Greenwell, for the courtesy you extended to Michelle Seguin and me on our recent visit. We were very impressed both by the quantity and quality of the work completed by the LBJ Library in response to the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act.

In a follow-up to our discussion, we agree that the most efficient way for the Board to review the postponements (redactions) in the assassination records from the LBJ Library would be to have copies of those records containing postponements sent directly to Washington. (We understand that these were the records shown to us on our visit to the Library.) The Review Board will then notify the appropriate agencies regarding the timing of the review process and will provide the agencies with an opportunity to present evidence in support of their recommended postponements. If you would be able to arrange for shipment of the photocopies to the Review Board, we would be very appreciative. To the extent that it would be more convenient for you to send the photocopies to Steve Tilley at Archives II, we could make arrangements to pick up the records from him.

I have now proposed to the CIA that it conduct an on-site review (presumably with a Review Board staff member present) of some of the national security material that may continue to be at issue as potential assassination records (particularly records related to Cuba). Toward that end, it would be very helpful to receive your best reasonable estimate of the total number of pages from the National Security Country Files boxes 16-18, 20-24, 27-37, that are still closed to the public. We will be in further communication with you as soon as we hear from the Agency.

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I look forward to hearing the results of your communications with Mr. Underwood regarding his oral history.

I would like to thank you again for your good work and helpfulness.

Sincerely yours,

T. Jeremy Gunn
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Associate Director for Research and Analysis