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Dear

As you may be aware, Congress enacted the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994) (JFK Act), for the purpose of collecting records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. The JFK Act established the Assassination Records Review Board to oversee the process of locating assassination records, declassifying them, and transferring them to the JFK Collection at the National Archives. Much of our work thus far has been devoted to declassifying records from the CIA, FBI, Secret Service, and the House Select Committee on Assassinations. The Review Board has taken a vigorous approach to declassifying what formerly were sensitive agency records.

I am writing to you as a former staff member of the House Select Committee on Assassinations. We are appealing to you -- as well as to all of your former colleagues -- to contact us regarding records that you may have preserved from the time of your work with the HSCA. One of your former colleagues, for example, sent to us her copies of records that were no longer available from the relevant agency. Her records are now a significant part of the JFK Collection.

We understand that some of you may have concerns regarding the propriety of having kept copies of such records. I wish to assure you that we are not inquiring into the circumstances of why such records may have been kept, but in seeing that all relevant records now become fully available to the American public. To the extent that this assurance is insufficient, you should know that our agency was provided with immunity-granting authority (*see* 44 U.S.C. § 7(k)), and that our General Counsel, T. Jeremy Gunn, would be pleased to discuss the matter either with you or an attorney.

We very much hope that if you have access to records that would be useful for the collection that you will get in touch with us.

Sincerely,

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