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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 (HSCA). The Review Board has taken a vigorous approach to declassifying what formerly were sensitive agency records.

I am writing to you because of your work as a staff member of the HSCA. 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. We believe that there are significant -- and unique records -- in the hands of former staffers. One of your former colleagues, for example, sent to us her copies of records that were no longer available from the relevant agency. These records are an important addition to the JFK Collection.

We understand that some of you may have concerns regarding the propriety of having kept such records. I wish to assure you that we are 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, please call our General Counsel, T. Jeremy Gunn, who would be pleased to discuss the matter with you further.

We very much hope that you will get in touch with us.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

