

November 8, 1996

The Honorable Gary L. Sisco
Secretary of the Senate
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Compliance with the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V. 1994)

Dear Mr. Sisco:

I am writing on behalf of the Assassination Records Review Board, an independent Federal agency created by the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994) ("JFK Act" or "Act"). The JFK Act requires that all government offices, including Congressional committees, identify all records in their possession related to the assassination of President Kennedy and process them for inclusion in the JFK Collection or postponement as allowed under the Act. By terms of the Act, each government office was to have completed this designation process by mid-1993. I am enclosing a copy of the JFK Act for your review.

The Review Board has learned, through Steve Tilley, Archivist of the JFK Collection at the National Archives, that your office serves as custodian of the records of the Senate Special Committee to Investigate Organized Crime in Interstate Commerce ("Kefauver Committee"). We also understand that no Kefauver Committee records have been designated pursuant to the JFK Act.

Although we cannot be certain to what extent the Kefauver Committee records include assassination records, we do have evidence indicating that at least some significant assassination records exist in the Kefauver Committee files. For example, the House Select Committee on Assassinations ("HSCA") reviewed selected Kefauver Committee files related to Jack Ruby and organized crime in its 1977-1978 investigation of the assassination. The HSCA also twice interviewed a former Kefauver Committee staff counsel. Any Kefauver Committee records reviewed by the HSCA or related to the HSCA investigation need to be processed under the JFK Act.

In order to ensure full compliance with the JFK Act, we would like to ask you to designate an official in your office who can act as a liaison with the Review Board. Please have your designee contact T. Jeremy Gunn, our General Counsel, or Brian E. Rosen, an attorney and Senior Analyst in our office working with Congressional committee records.

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future and working with your designee in implementing the JFK Act. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Karen Paul, Office of Senate Historian
Mr. Steve Tilley, National Archives
Mr. Michael L. Gillette, Center for Legislative Archives