

December 10, 1996

Ms. Michelle Coulombe
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Re: US Secret Service Richard Case Nagell File

Dear Ms. Coulombe:

I am writing to confirm our conversation yesterday regarding records from the Richard Case Nagell file that have been forwarded to you from the US Secret Service. Specifically, Mr. Nagell's prison medical file is subject to review under the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994) ("JFK Act"). The Assassination Records Review Board will make determinations on any postponements you choose to make under § 6 of the JFK Act at its January 8-9, 1996 meeting.

The book entitled *The Man Who Knew Too Much* by Dick Russell describes Mr. Nagell's alleged activities in intelligence and argues that he was aware of a possible assassination attempt on President Kennedy before November 1963. Mr. Nagell's life and career have received a high level of interest among researchers. Mr. Nagell's death last year sparked a new round of attention to his assertions of prior knowledge about the Kennedy assassination.

I understand from our conversation that you sent an initial request for postponements to Mr. John Machado on October 1, 1996, but you would like to review Mr. Nagell's prison records again before submitting your final request for postponements. We request that you forward a copy of your proposed postponements along with supporting evidence to our office (as well as to the Secret Service) by January 7, 1996, so the Assassination Records Review Board can make its final determinations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions about this procedure, please call me.

Sincerely yours,

Joan Zimmerman
Senior Analyst

cc: Mr. John Machado