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Dear Nina:

David Marwell has asked that I respond to your letter of September 10 regarding records of the Canadian government. I apologize for not having responded sooner.

We very much appreciate the willingness of the Government of Canada to make available to the American people records in their possession that relate to the assassination of President Kennedy. In order to facilitate the process, however, we believe that it might be more convenient for all concerned if I were to travel to Ottawa and examine the records before they are photocopied in order to determine which records would be the most appropriate for including in the JFK Collection at the National Archives. I am prepared to make this trip at the earliest convenience of the appropriate authorities in Ottowa.

Again, I apologize for the lateness of this response. We are now prepared to handle this matter as expeditiously as possible.

We appreciate your continuing work on the JFK Act.

Sincerely,

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