

Assassination Records Review Board

600 E Street NW ■ Second Floor ■ Washington, DC 20530

June 28, 1995

The Honorable Janet Reno
The Attorney General of the United States
U.S. Department of Justice
10th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

Re: Status of the Department of Justice's Identification and
Review of JFK Assassination Records under 44 U.S.C. § 2107

Dear Madam Attorney General:

In 1992, Congress enacted The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 ("the JFK Act"), in order to ensure that all governmental records related to President Kennedy's assassination are collected and sent to the National Archives and Records Administration. The JFK Act also established the Assassination Records Review Board to monitor implementation of the JFK Act by all governmental entities.

Today the Review Board is promulgating in the *Federal Register* a regulation that defines "assassination record" for purposes of the JFK Act. (A copy of this regulation is enclosed.) This regulation should help provide guidance to governmental offices in their search for assassination records. Members of our professional staff -- who have received all of the appropriate security clearances -- are also available to assist in this process.

I am writing now to request that you designate a contact person within the Department of Justice with whom we can coordinate full and expeditious implementation of the JFK Act with regard to Department of Justice records.¹ Accordingly, I would greatly appreciate your completing the

¹Shortly after entering office in April 1994, one of the Review Board members, Dr. William L. Joyce, made preliminary contact with several components of the Department of Justice as to the status of their identification and review of assassination records under the JFK Act. The Office of Information and Privacy, the Criminal Division, the Civil Rights Division, the Civil Division, the Tax Division, and the Justice Management Division responded to Dr. Joyce's inquiry; however, the latter

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enclosed "JFK Assassination Records Contacts" form and returning it to me at your earliest convenience.²

We look forward to working closely with the Department of Justice to further the important objectives of the JFK Act.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

Enclosures

three Divisions simply stated that they had not identified any assassination records.

²By separate letters (copies of which are enclosed), I am making similar requests of the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Chief of the U.S. National Central Bureau

-- INTERPOL, the Chairman of the United States Parole Commission, and the Director of the Bureau of Prisons. We have already established working relationships with the personnel responsible for implementing the JFK Act at the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Enclosures (Definition, 5 letters, 1 form)

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