

October 7, 1996

Ms. Veola Rouse
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Records Policy and Analysis Branch
Immigration and Naturalization Service
111 Massachusetts Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20536

Re: INS Compliance with the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records
Collection Act of 1992

Dear Assistant Director Rouse:

I am writing in regard to the status of compliance of the Immigration and Naturalization Service with The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994) (JFK Act).

The JFK Act required each Federal agency, by *September, 1993*, to identify all records in its possession related to the assassination of President Kennedy, to create "record identification forms," and to transfer the original records to the National Archives. 44 U.S.C. § 2107(5)(c).

As of today's date, our records reflect that INS has transferred no records to the Archives. Although we understand that INS has been under some budgetary constraints, we can also say that every agency of the government has raised similar concerns and that the INS is the most important agency that has not yet transferred any records.

Our General Counsel has recently spoken with Mr. Mike Leahy of your office. It is our understanding that Mr. Leahy is now prepared to transfer several files to the Archives and that he will transfer to the Review Board the files of Marina Oswald Porter and Lee Harvey Oswald by the end of this week. We appreciate these steps that are now being taken, but urge you to devote all necessary resources in order to fulfill your responsibilities under the law.

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We stand ready to assist you as appropriate, but we must urge that INS comply fully and completely with its responsibilities under the Act as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

cc: Doris M. Meissner, Director
David R. Martin, Esq., General Counsel
Mr. Michael Leahy