

January 22, 1997

Mr. Darrell Blevins
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Social Security Administration
Room 3-A-6 Operations
6401 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21235

Re: Request for Records and Information from the Social Security Administration

Dear Mr. Blevins:

Thank you for meeting with Ron Haron, Laura Denk, and David Montague of the Assassination Records Review Board staff last week to discuss Social Security Administration (SSA)'s compliance with the *John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992*, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994) (JFK Act). The Review Board requests that your office gather the following records, to the extent that they are still in the possession of the SSA:

- (1) the *original* file containing Marina Oswald's claim for survivor's benefits.
- (2) all earnings records of Lee Harvey Oswald;
- (3) all earnings records for Jack Ruby (or Jack Rubenstein) for the years 1958 through 1963;
- (4) for the purpose of verifying Lee Harvey's Oswald's employment history, all employer's records, including 941-C forms, for Dolly Shoe Company for January 1955 through October 1957, Tujague's, Inc. for November 1955 through January 1956, Pfisterer's Dental Laboratories for January 1956 through December 1958, and the United States Marine Corps for October 1956 through September 1959;¹

¹We provided the SSA with Employer Identification Numbers (EINs) that may correspond with certain of Oswald's employers. The EINs to be verified are: 72-046241 for Dolly Shoe Company, 72-0456152 for Tujague's, Inc., and 72-0444599 for Pfisterer Laboratories. Please compare the EINs that we provided with information in the SSA files to determine if the numbers are the same. If you are aware of any other relevant EINs for these employers, please advise us.

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- (5) all records relating to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to the SSA for assassination records, including FOIA requests for:
- records relating to unpublished Warren Commission documents concerning Jack Ruby;
 - records relating to Marina Oswald's claim for survivor's benefits; and
 - records relating to Lee Harvey Oswald and Marina Oswald's return to the United States from the Soviet Union;
- (6) all "liaison" files that would contain records about the SSA's contacts with the Commission to Investigate the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy (the "Warren Commission"), the Commission on Central Intelligence Agency Activities Within the United States (the "Rockefeller Commission"), the Select Committee on Intelligence (the "Pike Committee") of the House of Representatives, and the House of Representatives Select Committee on Assassinations (the "HSCA"); and

In addition to gathering the above-referenced records, we would appreciate an explanation of the significance of the numbers that comprise the Employer Identification Numbers. Priscilla Rieger reported that she would try to determine whether the SSA administers these numbers sequentially, according to geography, or according to some other scheme.

We have scheduled a meeting with the Internal Revenue Service for next Thursday, January 23, 1997, in which we plan to discuss with them the issue of assassination records that are also tax return information covered by Section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code. Since the resolution of this issue also affects assassination records in the possession of the SSA, we will contact you after our meeting to provide you with an update.

Thank you again for your time and your continued cooperation with the work of the Review Board.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director