June 19, 1997

Mr. Henry Wolfinger Chief, Civilian Appraisal Staff (NWRC) National Archives and Records Administration College Park, Maryland 20740-6001

Re: Copies of Disposition Schedule N1-59-97-16

Dear Mr. Wolfinger:

The Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB) is an independent Federal agency created by the President John F. Kennedy Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 USC §2107 (Supp V 1994) to oversee the identification and release of records related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. In this regard, the ARRB is interested in identifying any additional records that may relate to the death of President Kennedy.

In the June 3, 1997 Federal Register, (Volume 62, Number 106, pages 30346-30347), there is notice from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) regarding the requests of certain Federal agencies for records disposition authority. According to the announcement, the record schedules identify those records that warrant either retention at the National Archives or that may be destroyed. The June 3 notice identified one record schedule the ARRB would be interested in examining in order to determine if they are relevant to identifying any records that relate to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

We would appreciate receiving the following record schedule: (1) Department of State, (N1-59-97-16) (#7 in your notice).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

David Marwell Executive Director