

July 6, 1998

The Honorable William M. Thomas
Chairman
Committee on House Oversight
House of Representatives
1309 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6230

Dear Chairman Thomas:

In preparation for writing the Final Report of the Assassination Records Review Board, we discovered that the House Administration Committee, in April of 1983, held hearings on the records of the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA). Representative Stewart McKinney, a member of the HSCA, introduced a resolution (H. Res. 160) to accelerate release of the HSCA records. According to the Congressional Research Service's overview on the disclosure of JFK assassination records, the resolution was referred to the House Administration Committee, and hearings were held on the matter, but the resolution never went the House floor for a vote.¹

Any extant records relating to Representative McKinney's resolution are almost certainly assassination records as defined by Congress in the JFK Act, and we are interested in reviewing them to determine if they should be included in the JFK Assassination Records Collection at the National Archives. We are interested in resolving this matter as quickly as possible, given that the Review Board is scheduled to finish its work and go out of business at the end of this fiscal year. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

T. Jeremy Gunn
Executive Director

¹*President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Disclosure: An Overview*, ed. Harold C. Relyea and Suzanne Cavanagh, Congressional Research Service, March 3, 1993.

cc: Roman Buhler