

June 26, 1998

BY FACSIMILE AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

The Honorable Robin H. Carle
Clerk of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-6601

Re: Public Release of Certain Congressional Committee Records Pursuant to the
JFK Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107

Dear Ms. Carle:

I am writing to you because the Assassination Records Review Board ("Review Board") has not yet received Congressional authorization to inspect certain records of the House Committee on Un-American Activities ("HUAC") and the House Judiciary's Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, formerly chaired by Congressman Don Edwards ("the Edwards Subcommittee").

As you know, the Review Board has now sought access to these materials for more than two and one-half years. See Oct. 30, 1997 Letter from T. J. Gunn to R. Carle and Nov. 8, 1996 Letter from D. Marwell to R. Carle. It is our understanding that, in January 1998, you sought formal authorization from the House Judiciary Committee for our inspection of these materials. Six months have passed since then, and we have received no word either from you or the Judiciary Committee. Ron Haron of my staff has been unsuccessful in his recent efforts to speak to your staff.

We are aware that there are HUAC files relating to Lee Oswald and Marina Oswald that should be released under the JFK Act. We urge you to take all reasonable steps to ensure that HUAC complies with the important mandate of the JFK Act.

The Review Board's statutory mandate expires on September 30, 1998. For this reason, I ask that you give this matter your urgent attention and obtain, as soon as possible, the appropriate authorization for the Review Board to inspect these records.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn
Executive Director

cc: The Honorable Dan Burton, Chairman
House Government Reform & Oversight Committee

Michael L. Gillette, Director
Center for Legislative Archives, NARA

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