

February 20, 1998

Mr. John W. Matthews  
Director, Army Declassification Activity  
4600 North Fairfax Drive  
Arlington, Virginia 22203

Re: Your Case No. 97034

Dear Mr. Matthews:

In accordance with the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 (JFK Act), I am writing to advise you that the Assassination Records Review Board made additional formal determinations concerning the public disclosure of Army records at its meeting on February 17, 1998. The formal announcement of this action will be made within the next two weeks in the *Federal Register*, but I thought it would be helpful to you if I were to provide you with this informal advance notice.

Specifically, this letter concerns a memorandum in the papers of Joseph Califano that is dated March 28, 1963, from ACSI to the Secretary of Defense. The ADA identifies this document as Case No. 97034. (It is the subject of ARRB's letter to ADA of December 8, 1997, and ADA's reply of January 28, 1998). At its meeting on February 17, the Review Board voted to release this document in full. This decision was premised on several factors, including your response of January 28, 1998; historical interest in the subject matter of the document; and the absence of specific evidence that the release of the information would cause harm to the United States or to any individual.

Under the JFK Act, you may appeal the Review Board's formal determination to the President. The White House previously has advised that it wishes to receive documentation relating to an appeal within seven days after the announcement appears in the *Federal Register*. (Without exception, Review Board determinations have thus far prevailed.)

If you have any questions about this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn

Executive Director