Selection Committee JFK Lancer Scholarship Program

Dear Selection Committee Members:

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my support for the nomination of Ms. Amy M. Trauernicht to receive a JFK Lancer Scholarship. The Review Board had the benefit of Ms. Trauernicht's hard work in our offices in 1996 and 1997 during the course of two internships that she completed in an exemplary manner. Her understanding of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and appreciation of it as a major event in the history of the United States greatly impressed me and makes her an ideal candidate for a JFK Lancer Scholarship.

During Amy's internships with the Board, she accepted important responsibilities and completed several projects related to the organization of information in our database. One assignment had to do with the creation of a media database that would serve as the foundation for our media communications. As a public agency devoted to the public release of government records, we rely on this database for the dissemination of information on our work. Another project on which Amy worked was the organization and entry of data in our document tracking database. The Review Board is responsible for the processing of thousands of documents, making the proper organization of the database a critical component of the review and release of documents. Amy demonstrated a commitment to her work and professionalism that should serve as a model for other students who do internships with public agencies.

I would also like to take this opportunity to note that Amy played an important role during the Review Board's successful effort to obtain a one-year extension to complete its work. She actively participated in a meeting with Congressman Dan Burton, the Chairman of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee that has jurisdiction over the Review Board. Amy eloquently explained the importance of the Board work and responded to all of his questions. It was a rare opportunity for a student to play an active role in government, and Amy performed with great poise and success.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to write a letter of recommendation for Ms. Amy M. Trauernicht. I cannot think of a more worthy recipient of a Lancer Scholarship. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell Executive Director