May 30, 1997

Mr. Jack Sawyer P.O. Box 69 Waveland, Mississippi 39576-0069

Dear Mr. Sawyer:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your gracious donation of the Clay Shaw papers to the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection at the National Archives. These important materials will certainly enrich the historical record surrounding the assassination.

As we discussed, I will be sending you a deed of gift for your review and signature, if it is satisfactory. In addition, as you requested, we will provide you with a copy of Mr. Shaw's diary. The Board's obligation to do so will be included as a provision in the deed of gift.

On a personal note, I would like to thank you for all of the cooperation that you have provide to me and the courteous treatment that you gave to me on my recent trip to Waveland. I appreciate your making the donation and transfer of documents go so smoothly. It has been a pleasure to deal with you on this matter.

I will be back in touch with you in the near future regarding the deed of gift.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Samoluk Associate Director