

May 30, 1996

Mr. Joseph E. Hagan
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Dear Mr. Hagan:

I am writing to thank you for meeting with us on Friday, May 17, 1996, to provide the Review Board with copies of Gawler's records related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, as well as for your willingness to discuss with us your recollections of the events of November 22-25, 1963.

I am enclosing the best available copies of the three documents which you could no longer locate in your files, namely the "first call" sheet that records the initial contacts made with Gawler's by the Federal Government and the initial business decisions made on November 22-23, 1963; the memorandum dated March 19, 1964 and signed by John P. Gawler related to turning the bronze Dallas casket over to GSA; and a photocopy of the Texas Coffin Company casket card which was found inside the Dallas bronze casket delivered to Gawler's subsequent to President Kennedy's autopsy.

Additionally, I have enclosed a photocopy of a document that you provided to us titled: "Funeral Arrangements for John Fitzgerald Kennedy." This document appears to be a summary of events as witnessed by various people working for Gawler's the weekend of the assassination, and will therefore be of interest to historians. Can you please write us and let us know: (1) who drafted the document, and (2) when it was created (to the best of your recollection)?

We will not immediately produce a verbatim transcript of our conversation, but may at some point in the future. Should we do so, we will provide you a copy for your records. In the meantime, I am enclosing two audio cassettes containing a complete recording of our conversations with you on May 17, 1996.

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Again, thank you for your cooperation and helpfulness. We look forward to hearing from you in regard to the above questions.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

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