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Dear Jean Pierre Duport:

I am writing to you about a matter that I believe to be important to the FBI and to the United States people.

The *President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. §2107(Supp. V 1994)* (the Act) (copy enclosed) was enacted by the United States Congress and signed into law by President George Bush on October 26, 1992. The purpose of the Act is to preserve and maintain all United States governmental documents in one area, the National Archives and Records Administration (Archives), for access to those individuals interested in the history surrounding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The Act states that, "[a]ll government records concerning the assassination of President John F. Kennedy should carry a presumption of immediate disclosure," and requires all United States government agencies to find all documents related to the assassination and to review and release the identified documents to the maximum extent possible to the public. The FBI has been working diligently since 1993 to fulfill our responsibilities under the Act.

The purpose of this letter is: (1) to inform you that the FBI's assassination records contain information originating with your agency or your original documents, (2) to respectfully request that your agency review your information for maximum disclosure to the fullest extent possible, and (3) to explain the provisions for your request to protect your information from disclosure.

To achieve maximum disclosure of assassination records, the Act established the JFK Assassination Records Review Board (the Board). The Board is an independent Federal agency charged with overseeing the identification and release of records related to the assassination from the other Federal agencies. The FBI has assured the Board of our continued dedication of cooperating with them to meet the objectives of the Act. In that spirit, the FBI would appreciate

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your agency's review of the enclosed assassination records and consideration of whether the information can be released.

If your agency has no objection to the release of its information in the enclosed records, please notify the FBI so that we may take steps to release the records to the Archives. If your agency determines that the information cannot be released, please provide an explanation that the FBI may present the evidence to the Board for their approval. The Act requires the FBI to present "clear and convincing evidence" of a harm that would outweigh the need for public disclosure to the Board for any information that we request to protect from disclosure. Such evidence to protect information is explained in the Act as, "the public disclosure of the assassination record would compromise the existence of an understanding of confidentiality currently requiring protection between a Government agent and a cooperating individual or a foreign government, and public disclosure would be so harmful that it outweighs the public interest." Upon receipt of your instructions and explanation for the protection from disclosure, the FBI will provide the information to the Board and request that they sustain the request for withholding the information from disclosure.

Please be aware that the Act requires that *all* information in the assassination collection at Archives (even in the closed section) be released to the public in the year 2017, *including information that the Board agrees to protect*. The Act has provisions to extend postponements (protection of information from disclosure) past 2017 with the certification of the President of the United States that the information continues to meet the requirements for postponement. The FBI will periodically review the postponed material for the need of this certification.

As you know, the FBI normally protects information from your agency pursuant to applicable Executive Orders and the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts exemptions. However, the Act is a unique Federal law that applies only to JFK assassination records. Please note, it is our opinion that release of information in the JFK assassination records should not in the future affect the FBI's standard policy of protecting your agency's information in other investigations or in other contexts.

The FBI is committed to the opening of all information related to the assassination to the United States public, but appreciates that certain information is sensitive and not proper for release. Therefore, the FBI requests your consideration and understanding of this matter and the continuance of your outstanding association with our agency.

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation. Please direct any questions to our Legat Office representative or to Carol L. Keeley, Acting Unit Chief of the Historical and Executive Review Unit of the FBI, 935 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20535, (202) 324-0671.

Sincerely yours,

Louis J. Freeh
Director

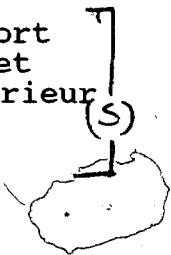
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Monsieur,

je vous écris à propos d'une affaire de grande importance pour le FBI et le peuple des Etats-Unis.

Le Congrès des Etats-Unis promulga la Loi sur le dossier concernant l'assassinat du Président John F. Kennedy - Titre 44 du Code des Etats-Unis, Section 2107 (Suppl. V 1994) (la Loi) (copie incluse)- que le Président George Bush confirma par sa signature le 26 octobre 1992. La Loi vise à conserver et garder tous les documents fédéraux des Etats-Unis dans un seul lieu, c'est-à-dire, the National Archives and Records Administration {le Bureau National des Archives} pour les mettre à la portée de ceux qui s'intéressent aux événements relatifs au meurtre du Président John F. Kennedy. D'après la Loi, "tous les enregistrements gouvernementaux concernant le meurtre du Président John F. Kennedy sont susceptibles de divulgation immédiate", et tous les services fédéraux sont tenus à recueillir et examiner tous les documents au sujet de l'assassinat, et les porter autant que possible à la connaissance du public. Depuis 1993, le FBI a fait de son mieux pour s'acquitter de la responsabilité qui lui est impartie vis-à-vis de la Loi.

Par le biais de cette lettre je me propose de: (1) vous communiquer que parmi les documents qui sont en la possession du FBI il y en a certains qui proviennent de votre service ou qui sont des documents originaux qui vous appartiennent; (2) vous prier de demander à votre service

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Concerne: Le dossier du Federal Bureau of Investigation des Etats-Unis sur l'assassinat du Président John F. Kennedy

Messieurs:

Le Conseil de Révision pour les dossiers de l'assassinat, un service indépendant du Gouvernement des Etats-Unis, a l'honneur de soumettre à votre Gouvernement une requête au nom du peuple des Etats-Unis d'Amérique.

Les Américains, pour qui l'assassinat du Président John F. Kennedy représente l'une des tragédies les plus grandes du siècle, ont toujours entretenu l'opinion que beaucoup d'informations touchant ce crime sont restées, et restent à ce jour, inconnues du public. Pour remédier à cette situation, le Congrès des Etats-Unis a promulgué une loi, signée par le Président Bush, qui a établi le Conseil de Révision pour les dossiers sur l'assassinat. Cette loi est connue comme *the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. Par. 2107 (Supp. V 1994)* {loi sur la collection des enregistrements relatifs à l'assassinat du Président John F. Kennedy - 1992}. Les cinq membres du Conseil de Révision sont des citoyens de haut rang, nommés par le Président Clinton et dûment approuvés par le Sénat des Etats-Unis.

La mission principale du Conseil de Révision c'est d'examiner les enregistrements qui se trouvent dans les archives du gouvernement et de les transférer aux Archives Nationales des Etats-Unis pour les mettre à la disposition des historiens, des érudits et de ceux qui se consacrent à ce genre de recherches. Dans le cadre de sa mission, le Conseil de Révision travaille depuis trois ans avec des services du Gouvernement des Etats-Unis, y inclus le FBI, pour déclasser le plus grand nombre d'enregistrements

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possible. Or, le FBI nous a communiqué d'avoir dans ses archives des documents, relatifs à l'assassinat, qui proviennent de votre Gouvernement. Les responsables du FBI se feront un devoir de vous envoyer des copies de ces documents pour les soumettre à votre examen.

Le Conseil de Révision s'adresse donc à votre Gouvernement le priant de faire toutes les démarches nécessaires pour permettre que les informations contenues dans ces documents puissent être remises aux Archives Nationales des Etats-Unit. En conséquence, nous prions votre Gouvernement que dans la mesure du possible il veuille autoriser la diffusion des informations contenues dans les documents dont il s'agit.

Nous vous remercions de l'attention que vous voudrez bien donner à ces enregistrements. Si cela vous convient, un représentant de notre service sera heureux d'avoir une entrevue avec un représentant de votre Gouvernement pour discuter davantage de cette affaire.

Salutations distinguées,



Laura A. Denk
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Re: United States Federal Bureau of Investigation Records Relating to the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

Greeting:

The Assassination Records Review Board, which is an independent agency of the United States government, is honored to present to your government a request on behalf of the people of the United States of America.

The assassination of President John F. Kennedy was one of the great tragedies for the American people in this century. Since the time of his assassination, a majority of the American people have believed that all relevant information has not become publicly known. In order to respond to this concern, the United States Congress passed legislation, signed into law by President Bush, that created the Assassination Records Review Board. This law is known as the *President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992*, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994). The five members of the Assassination Records Review Board are citizens of high standing who were appointed by President Clinton and confirmed by the United States Senate.

The principal mission of the Review Board is to transfer records in government files to the United States National Archives so that they can be examined by historians, scholars, and researchers. As a part of its mission, the Review Board has been working with U.S. government agencies during the past three years -- including the FBI -- to declassify records to the greatest extent possible. The FBI has notified us that some information in its files on the assassination originated with your government. FBI officials have copies of these records that they will make available for your examination.

The Review Board respectfully requests that your government take all reasonable steps to help make the information in these records available to the United States National

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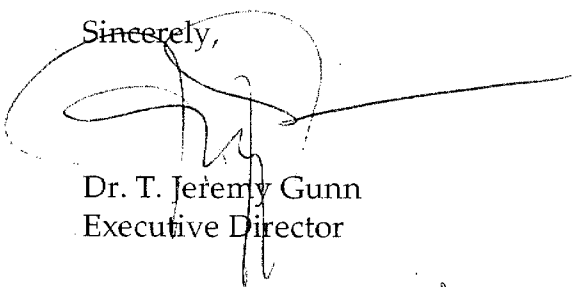
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Archives. Accordingly, we request that your government consent to the release of its information in these records to the greatest extent possible.

Thank you for your time and attention to these records. If you would find it helpful, someone from our agency would be pleased to meet with a representative of your government to discuss these issues further.

Sincerely,



Dr. T. Jeremy Gunn
Executive Director

Enclosures