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Honorable Daniel Patrick Moynikan United States Senate Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Moynihan:

Reference is made to your referral of a letter from constituent

expressed interest in the John F. Kennedy assassination investigation. In particular, she raised the "recent developments" (1977) of publicized accusations made against Frank A. Sturgis.

The Department of Justice has concentrated its present effort related to the Kennedy assassination upon those areas which the U. S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) felt merited additional examination. Though the referenced allegations about Frank Sturgis were reviewed by the HSCA, that body expressly recommended that the Department of Justice direct its investigative efforts towards physical evidence -- particularly acoustical evidence. Accordingly, the Department of Justice is not currently reinvestigating those aspects of the assassination which both the Department and the House Committee have determined were adequately examined in the past.

We appreciate your referral of this correspondence to the Department of Justice. Upon completion of the National Academy of Sciences study of acoustical evidence related to the Kennedy assassination, the Department will recommend to the Congress that further investigation of research be approved if the results of the NAS study support such recommendations.

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Pursuant to your request, the letter from your constituent is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure