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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Thank you for your letter concerning the availability to the public of materials delivered by the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy to the National Archives.

In September of 1964, the Department of State and the Commission made arrangements to assure that all significant information provided by the Department to the Commission could be made available to the public. Special arrangements were made for two categories of material: first, documents which would not be released, because of certain sensitive aspects, not directly related to the substantive information contained therein, but from which relevant information would be made available to the public; second, classified telegrams which, if made available in their original form, might have compromised our coding system. The Department and the Commission agreed that these telegrams could be declassified and made available to the public with numbers and dates, which would not be of interest to the reader, deleted.

The Department also indicated that the Commission should obtain the permission of other executive agencies to publish or release documents supplied by the Department which originated with, or contained A/CDC/MR information originating with, other executive agencies.

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The Honorable Nicholas deB. Katzenbach, Attorney General.

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I have asked Mr. Meeker, the Acting Legal Adviser, to give you any assistance you desire in completing your study. A representative of his office will be available to examine the material provided by the Department to the Commission and to indicate which material in the archives could be made available to the public at this time. Moreover, the Department is prepared to reevaluate annually the reasons for requesting the withholding of certain documents from the public.

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Sincerely yours,

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