

December 31, 1975

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Washington, D. C. 20408

- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. Wannall
- 1 - Mr. McDermott

Dear Dr. Rhoads:

Reference is made to your letter to the Attorney General dated July 3, 1975, regarding review of the FBI documents in possession of the Archives relating to the investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Your letter was referred to the FBI on July 21, 1975, by Deputy Assistant Attorney General Leon Ulman.

The review of the Numbered Document File was completed by the Freedom of Information-Privacy Act (FOIPA) Section, Social Security Div., on December 13, 1975. Because of their bulk, arrangements will be made with Mr. Marion Johnson of your staff to effect transmittal of the documents to you. The documents, which consist of 2,436 pages, in the Numbered Document File have been reviewed under the terms of the FOIA (Title 5, United States Code, Section 552) as amended and the specific exceptions applied are noted on the inventory.

As you will note, some documents which heretofore were a classification have been declassified in January 1976 entirely. However, in other instances the inventory shows that excised copies have been declassified. With respect to the latter, the original document still holds its original classification and cannot be made available to researchers, but the excised declassified document can be made available because the reasonably segregable portion which gave rise to classification has been excised. Of the 2,436 pages of documents in the Numbered Document File, 587 pages have been withheld in their entirety; 312 pages were denied by the Internal Revenue Service based on Title 26, United States Code, Sections 6103 and 7213; 262 are not available at this time because they had to be referred to other agencies

- 2 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Susan M. Hauser
- 1 - Michael Shaheen
- 1 - Deputy Assistant Attorney General
- Attn: Leon Ulman

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or to other governments; 14 pages were denied because they dealt with medical records of third parties or because their release would clearly constitute an unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the person involved.

Remaining to be completed, and which will be the subject of a later inventory, are the documents referred to other agencies and to other countries, and the contents of a miscellaneous folder which was contained with the Numbered Document File.

This miscellaneous folder contains 678 pages of documents consisting of unclassified/classified/other agency/other country material which will take time to process since identifying data, (such as commission document number or commission exhibit number or FBI serialization) has been obliterated.

For your information, Mr. William Florence, of the Subcommittee of the Committee on Government Operations, has been advised of the progress of the review and he expressed his complete satisfaction with the progress of the review to date. If my staff can be of any further assistance to you, please feel free to so indicate.

A close working relationship has developed between Mr. Marion Johnson and the Agents assigned to the FBI FOIPA Section which has contributed greatly to the speedy review of these documents.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

NOTE: Based on McDermott to Jenkins memo dated 12/31/75.