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TO : Libraries

SUBJECT: : Special Collection of Materials on Assassinations

The Committee to Investigate Assassinations was established in early 1969 in an attempt to learn and bring to the American people the truth about the assassinations of some of our more prominent leaders. We have concentrated primarily on the murders of President John F. Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King, and Senator Robert F. Kennedy. However, we have also gathered a mass of materials pertaining to other assassinations -- Patrice Lumumba, Malcolm X, Ngo Dinh Diem -- and possible assassinations -- Dag Hammarskjold, Moische Tshombe, and Adlai Stevenson. Some "propaganda" about our Committee, its goals and activities, is enclosed.

We are uncertain as to when our activities will be completed but, hopefully, in the not too distant future. We are anxious to find a home for the mass of scholarly material which we have collected and will have collected by D (for dispersal)-day. We are also interested in augmenting our current funds to complete the investigations. Thus, we are looking for a library interested in the world's best collection of material on assassinations in general, and recent American assassinations in particular.

To give you an idea of the nature and extent of some of the materials we have, it would include:

- 1) all of the published and unpublished documents submitted to the Warren Commission which have been declassified;
- 2) all of the published and unpublished documents which comprise the investigation of the Texas Attorney General's office into the assassination of President Kennedy;
- 3) many investigative reports made by or on behalf of the New Orleans District Attorney's Office in conjunction with its probe into the assassination of President Kennedy and the trial of Clay Shaw for conspiring to assassinate the President;
- 4) a large collection of photographs, movies, slides and tape recordings which contain evidence on the assassinations of President Kennedy or Dr. King, as well as interviews with persons possibly involved in, or having knowledge of, these assassinations;

- 5) the confidential files of the Committee to Investigate Assassinations, excepting those very few which might have to be withheld or destroyed for personal reasons;
- 6) computer tapes or discs containing the mass of computerized data relating to the assassination of President Kennedy which has been extracted from the great volume of basic literature on his assassination as a result of our program to computerize all the important information on this subject;
- 7) a number of unpublished manuscripts dealing with these assassinations;
- 8) virtually all of the literature -- books, magazines, newspaper clippings -- dealing with the subject;
- 9) correspondence with James Earl Ray;
- 10) legal papers and court records in an effort to get a new trial -- or rather, a trial -- for James Earl Ray;
- 11) legal papers connected with a number of Freedom of Information Act lawsuits brought against Government agencies for suppressing information regarding these assassinations; and
- 12) the private collections of those Directors and Members of the Committee who are willing to donate them.

If you have any interest in becoming the repository of this assassination material, please let us know. For your information, we shall take no action on any offer in less than 30 days from date, but we shall try to make a decision in not more than 90 days.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.
Executive Director

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