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Honorable Theodore R. Kupferman  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman:

This will acknowledge your letter of December 27 regarding the material placed in the Archives last November by the executors of President Kennedy's estate. I regret the delay in answering; I have been away from my office.

The wishes of the Kennedy family, as reflected in the agreement by which the material was given to the United States, are that there be no examination of the material for at least five years, except by a properly authorized federal government agency. Thereafter inspection will be limited to persons professionally qualified to evaluate medical evidence, for serious historical purposes. The reasons for these restrictions are obvious.

While the first of these provisions could be waived, I have concluded that I should not do so. I have given careful consideration, because of your official position, to the question whether an exception should be made in your case, and have decided that there is no basis for that, particularly in the light of the second restriction referred to. It would then be at least very difficult to refuse other requests, and the consequences would be very painful for Mrs. Kennedy and the family.

I fully appreciate that in your case, there is absolutely no question of personal gain, or mere curiosity, but I am sure you will understand the compelling reasons against making distinctions based on my personal evaluation of someone's motives.

Sincerely,

(signed)

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Exhibit "C"