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ATTENTION: MR STEVEN SOWDERS.

DEAR DISTRICT ATTORNEY REINER.

WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR STRONG CONCERN ABOUT BASIC EVIDENCE IN THE ROBERT F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION CASE WHICH IS NOW IN THE CUSTODY OF THE LOS ANGELES DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. WE REFER ESPECIALLY TO THE SUIT COAT AND SHIRT WORN BY SENATOR KENNEDY AT THE TIME OF THE TRAGEDY. THESE ITEMS HAVE BEEN CRUCIAL TO TWO ISSUES SUBJECT TO CONTINUING CONTROVERSY IN THE ASSASSINATION:

- 1) THE DISTANCE FROM SENATOR KENNEDY OF THE WEAPON FIRING SHOTS WHICH STRUCK HIM; AND
- 2) THE FLIGHT PATH OF THREE BULLETS WHICH PASSED THROUGH THE SENATOR'S CLOTHING.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE ITEMS TO FORENSIC SCIENCE ISSUES CANNOT BE OVERSTATED. AS IS TESTIFIED EXTENSIVELY IN NATIONAL PUBLIC AND MEDIA ATTENTION ALREADY ACCORDED THESE MATTERS. THEY MUST BE PRESERVED AND FULLY PROTECTED IN THE CUSTODY OF A RESPONSIBLE PUBLIC OR ARCHIVAL AGENCY. THEIR REMOVAL FROM PUBLIC CUSTODY WOULD BE TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE AND WOULD IRREPARABLY DAMAGE THE BODY OF CRUCIAL AND STILL-RELEVANT EVIDENCE IN THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY.

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