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Mr. Stephen D. Yslas, President
Los Angeles Police Commission
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Dear Mr. Yslas:

I am writing to you in support of the petition of the Southeastern Massachusetts University, Robert F. Kennedy Assassination Archives, to re-open the Los Angeles Police Departments files relative to the assassination.

Robert Kennedy's assassination presented a seminal event in shaping the politics of the remainder of that decade, and still influences the course of political thought nearly twenty years later. The files in your possession are a magnificent historical resource that can help us assess our social development during the turbulent sixties, and its context within our political history of the last 200 years. In order for us, as a nation, to come to terms with that traumatic event and to deal effectively with future political uncertainties, it is imperative that the RFK files remain accessible to the public.

The archive at Southeastern Massachusetts University is the only one of its kind in the nation. It is a historical research tool used by legitimate scholars in pursuit of a matter of great public interest. Because of the relatively small amount of investigative material released by federal and local authorities, the need for public access becomes all the more compelling. I urge you to act favorably on Southeastern Massachusetts University's petition in the interest of historical accountability and sound public policy.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

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State Representative

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