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August 16, 1985

Mr. Robert M. Talcott, President
Los Angeles City Police Commission
150 North Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Talcott:

At its meeting held August 13, 1985, on motion of Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors requested the Los Angeles City Police Commission to authorize a full release of the Robert Kennedy assassination files.

Enclosed is a copy of the Board's Minute Order detailing this request.

Very truly yours,


LARRY J. MONTEILH
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Enclosure



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Larry J. Monteilh, Executive Officer
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At its meeting held August 13, 1985, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"The Los Angeles Police Commission has decided to release only part of the Los Angeles Police Department's 10 volume summary of its investigation into the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy.

"In a democracy, there is a presumption in favor of the public's right to know. The public, for example, has nearly complete access to the records of other major assassinations. Of course, this right to know can sometimes be overridden by considerations of public safety, national security, or confidentiality. In this case, however, neither public safety nor national security could be endangered by release of the full report. After 17 years, confidentiality alone is a weak excuse for withholding this information from the people."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Edelman, unanimously carried, the Los Angeles City Police Commission was requested to authorize a full release of the Robert Kennedy assassination files.

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President, Los Angeles City
Police Commission

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

August 13, 1985

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT this Board request the Los Angeles City Police Commission to authorize a full release of the Robert Kennedy assassination files.

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Antonovich	_____
Edelman	_____