



Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles

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STATEMENT BY J.C. IAMURRI TO THE LOS ANGELES POLICE
COMMISSION ON BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR
MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH February 12, 1986

Last August 13th, after the Police Commission announced intentions to release part of the record of the investigation of the assassination of Senator Kennedy, the County Board of Supervisors took exception to the limited scope of the decision.

Supervisor Antonovich introduced a motion that respectfully requested the Police Commission to authorize full release of the Kennedy assassination files. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Edmund D. Edelman and was adopted unanimously.

Supervisor Antonovich and his colleagues expressed the belief that under a democratic government, there is a presumption in favor of the public's right to know. This is a non-partisan issue. All Americans have the right to know the facts.

This presumption does not, of course, negate the common sense assumption that in some cases this right to know can be overridden by considerations of public safety.

But nearly 18 years have passed since the death of Senator Kennedy. Confidentiality, by itself, is a weak excuse for withholding this information from the public. All members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors agree that neither public safety nor national security could be endangered by release of the report.

Mr. Antonovich urges the Board to listen to these pleas fairly and objectively, and to respect that precious "right to know."