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Ms. Diane Nixon, Director
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24000 Avila
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Dear Ms. Nixon:

I write simply to add my voice to those of other concerned scholars knowledgeable about freedom of information concerns who are supporting the fullest possible public disclosure of all Los Angeles Police Department materials concerning the 1968 assassination of Robert F. Kennedy.

My own work on the civil rights movement and particularly Dr. King (including The FBI and Martin Luther King [Norton, 1981] has involved me in upwards of sixty ongoing FOIA requests, as well as many mandatory declassification review requests with three of NARS's presidential libraries.

It may be useful to emphasize that among recognized scholars who have been particularly active regarding political surveillance and investigation issues from the past forty years of American history, the efforts and work of both Professor Philip Melanson and Gregory Stone are held in very solid regard. Their work on the Robert F. Kennedy material, as reflected in Stone's memo of June 5, 1986, speak to concerns that are shared by our larger community of scholars.

I hope that you and your committee colleagues will give the greatest possible consideration to making the Kennedy materials available in as speedy and complete a fashion as is possible. I will also direct copies of this letter to the two of your colleagues whose highly-esteemed professional reputations I am familiar with from a distance. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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cc: Prof. Robert Dallek
President Stephen Horn