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Mr. Stephen D. Yslas
President of the Los Angeles
Police Commission
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Parker Center
150 North Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Yslas:

I am writing in support of the request for the full release of material in the possession of the Los Angeles Police Department dealing with the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy.

There would seem no reason why, seventeen years after this tragic event, this information should still be withheld. The material is of indisputable historic significance. The men requesting the material -- Professor Philip Melanson and Gregory Stone -- are legitimate scholars, conducting research in the public interest. The material released will be made generally available in the Robert F. Kennedy Archive at Southeastern Massachusetts University.

Every consideration of scholarly and national interest calls for the disclosure of all information related to Robert Kennedy's death. I trust that the Police Commission will respond to these considerations and act promptly in the service of historical scholarship and public enlightenment.

Sincerely yours,


Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.