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Mr. Stephen D. Yslas
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Dear Mr. Yslas:

It is my understanding that a hearing is to be conducted by the Los Angeles Police Commission on Tuesday, 30 July 1985, to review specific requests calling for the public release of extensive files dealing with the investigation into the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

This letter is being submitted in support of these requests. I strongly urge you and your colleagues to make a ruling that will result in the release of these numerous documents, reports, and various other materials.

I was a consultant in forensic pathology to the Los Angeles County Coroner-Medical Examiner's Office in the RFK case, and I have maintained a strong professional and personal interest in this important matter since 1968. I do not believe there is any justifiable reason or logical rationale for the continuing withholding of the approximately 50,000 pages of file materials that deal with the RFK investigation. Scholars, journalists, forensic scientists, and other interested individuals and organizations have a legitimate purpose in reviewing and analyzing these records, and could provide a beneficial service to our country if they were given access to the RFK files.

Obviously, I realize that various guidelines and rules would have to be established in order to provide direct access to the original records in an orderly fashion, while at the same time protecting the legitimate and reasonable rights of privacy and confidentiality.

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I earnestly hope that your Commission will react positively in an expeditious fashion in response to the presentations to be made at the forthcoming hearing, and in written form thereafter.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. I should like to ask that this letter be placed in your official records.

Respectfully yours,

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