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President Stephen Yslas
Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners
Parker Center
150 N. Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Yslas:

As someone who has played the role of Robert Kennedy on television, and who feels very deeply the loss to our country when leaders of his stature and greatness are struck down by violence, I wish to add my voice to the many others who have urged the Police Commission to make complete public disclosure of the police files on his assassination. This tragic event is a part of American history, and should be a matter for full and legitimate scholarly study and public understanding. It is also important to make absolutely sure that any unanswered questions about events of this kind be dealt with honestly and completely, and the release of the police files is an indispensable step in that process as well.

I believe it is extremely important that the full police materials be released, and not merely summary reports or partial condensations of the essential source material in these files. It is imperative that the American public gets the full and complete official record of this event at last. I personally believe that the action being considered today should have taken place some time ago.

Events of this kind, as you know, are central to the recent history of our country and the world, and continue to arouse widespread interest and concern. I commend you on your efforts on behalf of full disclosure, and am proud to join with such citizens as Paul Schrade, Cyril Wecht, and Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. in urging these actions.

God bless,



Martin Sheen