

February 20, 1996

Mr. Joseph Backes
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Dear Mr. Backes:

This is in response to your February 19, 1996 letter, which was faxed to the Assassination Records Review Board's offices.

First, I am pleased that Mr. Gunn was able to satisfy your request relative to the Pentagon meeting.

Second, per your request I have enclosed several news clips from our files relative to the dispute with District Attorney Connick over Garrison investigation records. Because this is an ongoing matter, I am unable to provide more information at this time.

Third, the grand jury records remain in a secure part of the Review Board's offices. Before anything is done with them, we want to ensure their legal status is clear.

Fourth, other materials from New Orleans are currently being processed and should be available at the Archives in the near future. The Board and the Archives will make an announcement at that time.

Fifth, the Review Board's presentation at the Organization of American Historians is entitled "Open Secrets: An Interim Report of the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Review Board." It is a panel discussion with a comment period for the audience. It will be conducted on Thursday, March 28, 1996, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The location is the Palmer House Hilton, Chicago. We do not have a room assignment yet.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Samoluk, Esq.
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