

July 22, 1996

Mr. Joseph Backes  
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Dear Mr. Backes:

This is in response to your letter dated July 22, 1963 that was received by fax in our offices on July 22, 1996.

*First, as I have stated in previous letters, the Review Board does not have audiotape versions of our hearing and meetings. Ann Riley & Associates, LTD. reporters have recorded some hearings and public meetings to use in the preparation of the written transcripts. The Board receives the final written transcripts, not the audiotapes. As you are aware, the written transcripts are made available to the public upon request and electronic recording of the Review Board's public meetings is freely allowed.*

Second, the attached letter from Chairman Tunheim explains the situation with the "Segregated Collection" and the purpose of the hearing.

Third, I have shared your letter with the appropriate members of the staff for review of your various comments on the CIA treatment of documents and the JFK database.

Fourth, the Review Board has no authority over the National Archives with regard to personnel matters.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Samoluk  
Associate Director