

*May 9, 1996*

*Mr. Dennis R. Bartholomew  
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Landsdale, PA 19446*

*Dear Mr. Bartholomew:*

*Thank you for your letter of May 2, 1996 to Mr. David Marwell regarding information that has been submitted to the Review Board by Mr. John Armstrong. Mr. Marwell has asked me to respond to you.*

*First, the Board staff has carefully reviewed the submissions made by Mr. Armstrong and is actively pursuing the matter.*

*Second, the Review Board has a range of powers which it will exercise as is deemed appropriate in accomplishing its mandate.*

*Third, please be assured that efforts are being made to inform the public of the work of the Board through a variety of means, including news releases, public hearings and the establishment of a broad mailing list. Obviously, we have no control over what the media publicizes, the public hearings can only be conducted in so many areas of the country, and the mailing list involves a small percentage of the population. However, we have achieved some*

success resulting from publicity surrounding the Review Board. In fact, Gary Raymond provided the Review Board with records upon seeing the media coverage of the Board's public hearing in New Orleans. We have also been approached by other individuals about the potential sources of records after they saw media coverage of the Board's work.

Fourth, the Board has not been hampered by government secrecy or non-disclosure agreements. If this became a factor in our work, we would evaluate the specific situation and take appropriate action.

Fifth, by conducting interviews of many former employees of the government we have already accumulated a lot of information. This effort could potentially lead to additional records of importance.

Sixth, the Review Board has the power to grant immunity and in appropriate circumstances would consider using it.

Again, thank you for writing and for your continuing interest in the work of the Review Board.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Samoluk, Esq.  
Associate Director