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Dear Mr. Paolozzi, I thank you for your interest in the work of the Review Board. I am attaching an electronic version of the Review Board's Staff Report that we released when we released the medical and autopsy records. I hope that the report will answer some of your questions. You asked whether the Board examined "all the FBI and CIA files." I will address the two questions in turn. When the JFK Act was passed in 1992, the FBI identified as assassination records approximately 600,000 pages of records known as the "core and related" files on the assassination, which are the FBI's JFK assassination investigation file, the Warren Commission file, the Lee Harvey Oswald file, the Jack Ruby file, and files on related subjects such as Marina Oswald, Marguerite Oswald, Ruth and Michael Paine, and George de Mohrehschildt. The FBI also identified for processing another 400+ subjects that they provided to the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) for the Congressional investigation that the HSCA conducted in the 1970s. Beyond the records that the FBI identified itself, the Review Board submitted approximately 60 requests for additional information to the FBI and received records from the Bureau in response to each of its requests. The Review Board is nearly finished with its processing and with the release of all of the above-referenced records. On to CIA records. . . When the JFK Act was passed in 1992, the CIA identified as assassination records its "201" file on Lee Harvey Oswald. CIA opens a 201 file when it has an interest in an individual. The Agency opened Lee Harvey Oswald's 201 file on December 9, 1960 in response to a request from the Department of State on defectors. After the assassination of President Kennedy, the 201 file served as a depository for records gathered and created in CIA's wide-ranging investigation of the assassination. Thus, the file is the most complete record of CIA's inquiry in the months and years immediately following the assassination rather than an operational file on Lee Harvey Oswald. In addition, during the investigation conducted by the House Select Committee on Assassinations, HSCA investigators gained access to CIA files. Upon completion of the HSCA's work, the CIA files that had been made available to the HSCA were segregated and retained as a group, known as the Sequestered Collection. The Collection is divided into two parts: hard copy records and microfilm. The hard copy records, which can be found in the first 63 boxes of the collection, were available to the HSCA staffers during their investigation. Box 64 contains 72 reels of microfilm which were copied from the complete files of the records to which the HSCA had gained access. In many cases the microfilmed files contain material well beyond the scope of the HSCA investigation, for example, covering an agents entire career when only a small portion of it intersected with the assassination story. In addition, the Review Board made approximately 60 requests for additional information to the CIA and has received and reviewed records from the Agency in response to these requests.

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