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Dear Mr. Allen:

I am writing to stay in contact with you about a possible investigative position with the Assassination Records Review Board. I received your letter of April 24, written the same day we spoke on the telephone. I know you will not be returning to the United States until this coming December, but I thought it was appropriate to write to you now to fill you in on some recent developments at the Review Board. In late June was experienced a bit of fear when a House Appropriations Sub-Committee recommended the Review Board be eliminated in a budget tightening move. Some of our funding was restored, although not to the level that was expected for the 1996 fiscal year. We are working as hard as ever here, and hope that in the next few months as the budget process continues, we will not have any more bad news. I am writing this to you not to be the bearer of bad news, but because I know how hard it is to stay current with what is happening in Washington, especially when one is out of the country.

In the meantime I am sending you an SF-171 in the event you want to complete it and return it to me. I will review it and place it in the file, it would be one more aspect of your application completed in the event we do have an opening in December 1995. I'm also enclosing a copy of our legislation and some background material, as I do not believe we sent you this material before.

Please feel free to send the 171 back at your convenience. Call or write if you have any questions. I look forward to speaking with you again in the coming months. Thank you again for your interest in the ARRB.

Sincerely,

Anne Buttimer, Esq.