

August 22, 1996

Mr. Alexander G. Ayers, Jr.
11246 SW Lynnvale Drive
Portland, Oregon 97225

Dear Mr. Ayers:

I am writing you on behalf of the Assassination Records Review Board, an independent Federal Agency established pursuant to the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994). The Review Board, whose members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, is charged with the responsibility of collecting records and information related to the assassination of President Kennedy. The Review Board is not seeking to reach any conclusions regarding the assassination, but is primarily concerned with identifying, clarifying, locating, and making available assassination records. I am enclosing some explanatory material about the Review Board and its mandate.

During our review of Marine Corps and Warren Commission records, we have become aware of your former role as Assistant OIC of the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron (H & HS) Separation Section at El Toro from July-November, 1959. As you may be aware, in September, 1959, you signed many of the documents associated with the discharge of Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President Kennedy. We would like very much to conduct an interview with you by telephone to discuss events surrounding your involvement with Lee Harvey Oswald's discharge from active duty at El Toro on September 11, 1959.

A member of our staff will be contacting you in the near future by telephone to set up a mutually agreeable date for a telephonic interview. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call either Mr. Tim Wray, our Chief Analyst for Military Records, or Mr. Doug Horne, a Senior Analyst on our military records team. We look forward to talking to you soon.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

Enclosure

