

Dear Mr. Mathis:

With reference to your conversation last week with Tom Samoluk of my staff, I am enclosing a copy of the Assassination Records Review Board's FY1996 Report.

The report provides background to the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act (the Act), discusses the history and activities of the Review Board, evaluates agency compliance, and recommends that the Review Board be given an additional year to complete its task. As you know, Senator Specter was a sponsor of the Act and has continued to show interest in our activities. I had the pleasure of having lunch with the Senator last April at the CIA at a meeting on the CIA's compliance with the Act.

I am looking forward to meeting with you in the near future. In the meantime, please call me or Tom if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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