

June 22, 1998

Department of the Army
Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence
(Attn: Mr. Bert Haggett)
Washington, D.C. 20310-1001

Re: FBI File on Thomas R. Peasner, Jr.

Dear Mr. Haggett:

Pursuant to your letter this matter to the FBI dated April 21, 1998; our meeting on this matter held on May 20, 1998; and your letter to me of June 16, 1998, the Review Board met on Wednesday, June 17, 1998 and made the following Board Determination regarding this matter:

-All dates of birth, places of birth, and service numbers of individuals in the file will be postponed until 2008, per your request;

-The names of all persons (other than Mr. Peasner himself) who made debriefing comments about Mr. Peasner will be postponed until the year 2008, per your request;

-Comments made about Mr. Peasner himself, or by any other POWs who were debriefed, about any persons *other than Mr. Peasner*, will remain postponed until the year 2008, per your request;

-However, because of the apparent close proximity of Mr. Peasner to Jack Ruby (as a former employee at the Carousel Club), as well as the fact that he purchased a rifle in November, 1963, and then purportedly disappeared prior to the assassination, the Board voted unanimously (5-0) to:

-open everything in the file that the debriefing officers recorded Peasner *said about himself* during his debriefings;

-open all documents about him containing *text of his writings or transcriptions of statements he broadcast via radio* while interned; and

-open all debriefing statements made *about Mr. Peasner* (and Mr. Peasner *only*) by other POWs who were debriefed following internment.

Public notification of this action will be published in the Federal Register in accordance with the JFK Act. You will also receive formal notification when we mail out our forthcoming Federal Register notice to all parties, as usual, within two weeks of the June 17, 1998 Board Meeting.

To the extent that you might wish to appeal to the President the Review Board's decisions, you will need to file your appeal at the White House within seven days of receipt of your formal notification. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the appeal process.

Should you have any other questions, please call me at (202) 724-0088.

Sincerely,

Douglas P. Horne
Chief Analyst for Military Records

CC: Ms. Debbie Beatty (FBI Historical & Executive Review Unit)