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B. Michael Berger
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Dear Mr. Berger,

As part of its mandate under the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (note), the Assassination Records Review Board is reviewing materials secured and generated by the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) during its three-year investigation (1976-1978). The Review Board is now reviewing HSCA records to determine to what extent they may be made available to the public.

Among the HSCA materials we have identified two records that contain information in which the Department of Veterans Affairs may have some equity. I am writing to inform you of this situation and to determine whether the VA has any objection to the release of the information contained therein.

The first record is a medical history file of 57 pages on Ivo A. Tucci, which the HSCA obtained from the Veterans Administration Hospital in North Chicago, Illinois, in January of 1977. Pending our review of this record, the National Archives and Record Administration has postponed its release to the public because of personal privacy concerns.

The second record is a two-page Outside Contact Report generated by an HSCA staffer after reviewing the VA file of John David Hurt on September 27, 1978. The document previously has been released to the public, although ten words have been redacted. The redaction refers to the reasons for Mr. Hurt's hospitalizations in 1955 and 1959. This prior redaction was, again, made on grounds of personal privacy.

NARA's Record Information Forms (RIF's) for both of these records are enclosed.

At its upcoming meeting on December 12, 1995, the Review Board intends to review these records to determine whether they may be made available in full to the public. If the Veterans Administration has any objection to the release of this information, you should contact me immediately. If you would like to review either of these records in advance of December 5th, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

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