

November 1, 1996

Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Marvin  
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Dear Lieutenant Colonel Marvin:

Colonel Tim Wray has forwarded your correspondence to me.

As I am sure you can imagine, we receive a wide variety of suggestions from persons who advise that they have information regarding issues related to the assassination of President Kennedy. Many of the persons who provide such information, such as yourself, also suggest to us that if the Review Board does not agree with their beliefs and fully investigate their leads, then the Review Board will not be fulfilling its obligations. It is of course important for you to remember that the Review Board's responsibility is to send records to the Archives, not to investigate the assassination or to recommend indictments. Some people have misunderstood the Review Board's function in this regard.

To the extent that we reasonably can pursue records that follow from such leads, we try to do so. In your case, we have made inquiries regarding some of your allegations. (By making such inquiries, we do not thereby endorse any theory or witness.) Colonel Wray made what I thought was an excellent suggestion that we afford you the opportunity to get your recollections and testimony into the official collection at the National Archives. This is not an offer that we make to all persons who provide us with leads. This opportunity is one that I would urge you to consider seriously.

You mentioned that unless your deposition were taken under oath, your testimony would be inadmissible. There is, of course, a perfectly satisfactory remedy to the problem that you identify. If you were to provide the Review Board with a tape recording, you could attach a sworn affidavit that incorporates your oral testimony or, even better, you could draft a sworn affidavit that fully describes your first hand knowledge. Such an affidavit would be as admissible in court as would a deposition under oath.

Let me again urge you to consider the offer we have made as well as to send us any documentary evidence that you have supporting your allegations. And please remember that our statutorily imposed mission is not to endorse the beliefs of any person or to investigate the assassination, but to

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make sure that the record at the Archives is as complete as possible.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn  
General Counsel

cc: Col. Tim Wray

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