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Dear Jeff:

Although I wish to congratulate you on your return to private practice (I formerly was at Covington & Burling), I cannot do so without expressing a great deal of regret that you are no longer at CIA. I believe that you had an extremely salutary effect on both the Agency and on the members of the Assassination Records Review Board. Your conscientiousness and diplomatic skills will be missed.

I would like to thank you for the superb cooperation that you provided to the Review Board on behalf of the CIA, and wish you the best of luck now that you are off the hot seat.

Best wishes,

T. Jeremy Gunn General Counsel