

August 12, 1996

Mr. William Manchester  
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John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library  
Columbia Point  
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Dear Mr. Manchester:

I previously wrote to you on June 20, 1996, and spoke with you by phone on July 8, regarding the Assassination Records Review Board, an independent Federal agency that was created by The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994). The five members of the Review Board were appointed by President Clinton and were confirmed by the Senate.

As I mentioned to you in my call of July 8, the Review Board, as a part of its statutory responsibility, would at this time like to examine the interview notes, transcripts, and tapes created for *The Death of A President*, with the exception of the interviews you conducted of Robert and Jacqueline Kennedy. In our telephone discussion, you stated that you had "no objection whatsoever" to my examining the requested records and you said that all of the records are located at the Kennedy Library.

I would appreciate it very much if you would contact the Kennedy Library regarding this matter. Please do not hesitate to call me (collect) if I can help explain further the Review Board's mandate.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. T. Jeremy Gunn  
General Counsel and  
Associate Director for Research & Analysis