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May 25, 2017

*addressee*

Re: United States Federal Bureau of Investigation Records Relating to the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

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Dear *addressee*:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the Assassination Records Review Board, an independent Federal agency created by the *President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act*, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994) (“JFK Act”), to oversee the review and release of records related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. I have enclosed additional information on the Review Board for your information.

As you know, we have asked the FBI to request that you consent to release your information in the assassination records of the FBI. An important part of the Review Board’s mandate, as articulated by the United States Congress, is to compile at the National Archives and Records Administration, as complete a record of the assassination as possible. Congress determined that public disclosure of assassination records was the most effective mechanism for addressing the American public’s lingering questions and concerns about the assassination. The Review Board takes the position that information may be withheld from public release only in “the rarest cases” and only pursuant to one of the provisions of Section 6 of the Act. It is the firm belief of the Review Board that keeping information secret where it is not absolutely necessary works to undermine the public’s confidence in Government. We therefore strongly urge you to release your agency’s information in these historically significant records to the maximum extent possible.

Thank you for your time and attention to these records. If you would find it helpful, I would be pleased to discuss these issues with you.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn  
Executive Director

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Carol L. Keeley  
Mr. John Collingwood

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