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Dear Dr. Paterson:

I am writing you on behalf of the Assassination Records Review Board, an independent Federal Agency established pursuant to the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994). The Review Board, whose members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, is charged with the responsibility of collecting records and information related to the assassination of President Kennedy. Review Board members and staff are required by law to possess Top Secret, SCI clearances. The Review Board is not seeking to reach any conclusions regarding the assassination, but is primarily concerned with identifying, clarifying, locating, and making available assassination records. I am enclosing some explanatory material about the Review Board and its mandate.

As part of the Board's mandate, we are working to clarify the historical record on issues surrounding the assassination and to ensure that relevant documents, files, and boxes are placed in the public domain. We would be interested in your suggestions for documents or files you have seen which you believe should be examined and reviewed by the ARRB. Further, your chapter "Fixation with Cuba: The Bay of Pigs, Missile Crisis, and Covert War Against Castro" in Kennedy's Quest For Victory: American Foreign Policy, 1961-1963, posits some possible motivations for the assassination.

We would be interested in reviewing some of the materials you use to support your arguments, particularly those for footnotes # 154, 155, 157, 160, 163, 164, and 165. We would like very much to discuss this subject with you, and believe that your in-depth knowledge may assist the ARRB in our attempts to clarify the historical record in this area.

Sincerely,

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Associate Director for Research & Analysis

