

August 11, 1997

Mr. Robert I. Owen
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Dear Mr. Owen:

I am writing to thank you for providing assistance to the Assassination Records Review Board. A call report of our conversation on August 7, 1997 has been placed in the records of the Board and will be sent to the National Archives and Records Administration in College Park, Maryland for inclusion in the JFK Collection. We appreciate your help in clarifying the historical record.

As Michelle Combs explained, the Assassination Records Review Board is 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 were 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. The Review Board members and staff are required by law to possess Top Secret and 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 information about the assassination. I am enclosing some explanatory material about the Review Board and its mandate.

We would appreciate your making available to us copies of the Moscow Embassy telephone directory for June 1959, December 1959, February 1961, and February 1962. These copies will also become part of the Board's records and be placed in the JFK Collection at NARA.

Should you have any questions or come across any additional information which may be of help, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please call (collect) for either Michelle Combs or myself. Thank you again for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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