

March 4, 1996

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Dear Dr. Finck:

I wrote to you in December, 1995, at what I believed to be your address in Switzerland. In the event that letter failed to reach you or has been misplaced, I am writing you again 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 collecting records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. The Review Board is not seeking to reach any conclusions regarding the assassination, but rather 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.

The purpose of this letter is twofold. First, we would like to arrange for a mutually agreeable time and place to talk with you about the autopsy. Second, we would like to request from you any additional, previously undisclosed records that you may have pertaining to the autopsy on President Kennedy. We are aware of many items already placed in the public record: your two page letter to General Blumberg of January 25, 1965, summarizing the results of the autopsy on President Kennedy; your subsequent transmission to him on February 1, 1965, of 23 pages of typed notes regarding the autopsy; the 140 pages of typewritten notes, letters, and correspondence that you provided to the House Select Committee on Assassinations in 1978; the transcript of your 1969 Shaw trial testimony; and the transcript of your March 11, 1978 sworn testimony before the HSCA Forensic Pathology Panel. All these have now been placed in the JFK Collection at the National Archives pursuant to the provisions of the JFK Act.

Your role in history, although thrust upon you by chance, placed you in a unique position in late 1963, and as you know there is still a considerable amount of interest in certain aspects of that tragic event. We have already received the cooperation of Drs. Humes and Boswell in our attempts to complete and clarify the autopsy record, and we look forward to your early cooperation as well.

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Please contact either me or Jeremy Gunn, our General Counsel, at our office address or at (202) 724-0088, so that we may make appropriate arrangements and answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to call collect. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

Enclosures