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Dear Dr. Finck:

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. 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. I am enclosing some explanatory material about the Review Board and its mandate.

The specific purpose of this letter is 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 JFK 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 are all currently part of the JFK Records Collection at the National Archives, pursuant to the provisions of the JFK Act.

We are seeking any other materials you may hold that relate to the death of President Kennedy. These would include, but would not be limited to, any contemporaneous or after-the-fact notes regarding the autopsy or autopsy findings; any autopsy face sheets or drawings; or any other written material not mentioned above that could be considered related to the assassination of President Kennedy. In addition, any diary or personal log entries you may have made during the time periods covering the autopsy, your participation with the Warren Commission and HSCA, your review of the autopsy photographs and your testimony during the Shaw trial might be appropriate for inclusion in the JFK Collection.

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.

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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. Your cooperation with the Review Board in completing the record of the President's autopsy, to the fullest extent possible, is vital.

Please contact either me or Jeremy Gunn, our General Counsel, at our office address or at (202) 724-0088, so that we may 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