

March 12, 1997

President Gerald R. Ford  
Address  
California

Dear President Ford:

I understand that you are aware of the work of the Assassination Records Review Board, which was created pursuant to the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994) (JFK Act). We would like you to know that we are very appreciative of the excellent and conscientious work that has been done by the Ford Library, as you directed, to comply fully with the spirit of the JFK Act and to ensure that the record of the assassination is as full and as complete as possible. You may also be interested in knowing that we have received excellent cooperation from the family of the late J. Lee Rankin, which donated Mr. Rankin's personal records from his work with the Warren Commission.

I am writing to ask whether you possess any additional records (or copies of records) that might be appropriate for inclusion in the JFK Collection at the National Archives. In particular, we understand that you may have kept a diary that would have included the period in which you served on the Warren Commission. If this is true, would you perhaps be willing to make the entries related to your service available?

We very much look forward to your answer.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell  
Executive Director

cc: James L. Rankin, Esq.  
Ms. Karen Holtzhausen, Ford Library

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