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Dr. Vincent Guinn 10490 Graeloch Road Laurel, Maryland 20723

Dear Dr. Guinn:

I am writing to 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 related to the assassination of President Kennedy. 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.

We are contacting you because of your participation in the neutron activation analysis tests conducted at the request of the House Select Committee on Assassinations. In that context, we are seeking any records you may have that relate to the neutron activation analysis you performed at the University of California, Irvine, on the bullets and fragments collected from the assassination, as well as any related research and records. We are especially interested in any handwritten notes or procedural records that you may have prepared. Your cooperation in helping the Review Board complete the record of events which transpired subsequent to the assassination of President Kennedy would be appreciated.

We will be contacting you by telephone within the next few days and we look forward to speaking with you then.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell Executive Director

Enclosures