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Dr. William K. Hartman  
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Dear Dr. Hartman:

I am writing in regard to your work as a consultant to the House Select Committee on Assassinations in the 1970s.

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. All records related to the assassination are being transferred to the JFK Collection at the National Archives. 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.

As a part of our work, we are attempting to collect records related to the assassination of President Kennedy that may be located in private hands. We have learned that some HSCA staffers and consultants have kept copies of records -- some of which are now otherwise unavailable. We are particularly interested in including any working papers, notes, recordings, data, or memoranda that you may have preserved from your work for the HSCA. One former HSCA Staff member, for example, sent us her copies of records that were no longer available from the relevant agency. These records are now an important part of the JFK Collection at the National Archives.

I would like to request that you search your own records and let us know whether you may have kept copies of records that could be added to the JFK Collection.

We very much hope that you will get in touch with us. You may contact either me or Brian Rosen of my staff who is responsible for this project.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell  
Executive Director

