

October 30, 1996

Dr. William Horbaly
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Dear Dr. Horbaly:

Per your conversation today with Dr. Michelle Combs, please find enclosed some explanatory material about the Assassination Records Review Board and its mandate. The 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 members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The Review Board is charged with the responsibility of collecting records and information related to the assassination of President Kennedy. Review Board members and staff are required by law to possess Top Secret, SCI clearances. 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 hope the enclosed information is useful to you. We look forward to meeting with you at your home on Thursday, November 7, 1996 at 11:00 a.m. In the meantime, if there are any questions or problems, please contact myself or Dr. Combs at (202) 724-0088.

Sincerely,

Dr. T. Jeremy Gunn
General Counsel and
Associate Director of Research & Analysis