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Re: Assassination Records in the Possession of the Metropolitan Crime Commission

Dear Mr. Goyeneche:

The Assassination Records Review Board, an independent Federal agency created to oversee the identification and release of records relating to the assassination of President Kennedy, remains interested in reviewing records that the Metropolitan Crime Commission maintains.

Members of the Review Board staff will be in New Orleans next week and would like to begin to review Metropolitan Crime Commission files at that time. The Review Board is especially interested in the files that the United States House of Representatives Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) reviewed in the late 1970s, particularly those files that HSCA staffers Patricia Orr and Ann Taylor reviewed in April 1978. Our records indicate that they reviewed the MCC's files on the Garrison investigation and the MCC's organized crime files.

Anne Buttimer, formerly of the Review Board staff, contacted both Tony Radosti and Warren DeBrueys regarding relevant MCC records. Both Mr. Radosti and Mr. DeBrueys told Ms. Buttimer that Mr. DeBrueys had 8 boxes of Metropolitan Crime Commission records at his home in Covington, Louisiana. In addition, Mr. Radosti identified more than 130 boxes of unlabeled material currently in a storage warehouse that he said the Review Board could review provided we pay the warehouse fees to pull the records. The Review Board is willing to pay reasonable and appropriate fees, but we would like to begin reviewing these records next week, if possible.

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Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please contact me or Laura Denk at (202) 724-0088 when you have reviewed this letter so that we may make arrangements to begin the review process next week.

Sincerely,

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