

September 13, 1996

Mr. Gerald L. Posner  
300 E. 54th St.  
New York, NY 10022

Dear Mr. Posner:

On behalf of the Assassination Records Review Board, I would like to invite you to donate some (or all) of your background research materials for *Case Closed* to the JFK Collection at the National Archives.

As you may be aware, the Review Board has been conducting depositions of the physicians who performed the autopsy of President Kennedy. There has been, of course, a significant controversy about whether the autopsy doctors changed their position over time about the location and the extent of President Kennedy's wounds. In your book, and in your testimony to Congress (Hearings on The Effectiveness of Public Law 102-526, The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, before the House of Representatives Legislation and National Security Subcommittee of the Committee on Government Operations, 103rd Congress, First Session, at 112-113 (1993)), you referred to your interviews of the doctors that discuss this issue. In keeping with the spirit of your November 17, 1993 testimony before the Conyers Committee, we believe it would be very helpful for the record to include transcripts and recordings of your interviews with the autopsy pathologists in the JFK collection.

In addition to the autopsy doctors, we believe that any interviews you conducted with other principal witnesses would help contribute to the historical record and would urge you to consider donating these other materials as well.

I have heard reports that you are not now ready to contribute your papers to the

National Archives or other public archives. I would very much like to discuss this matter with you to see whether there is anything that we could do that might help encourage you to make a donation.

Sincerely,

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