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Re: Review Board Reconsideration of NSA Documents on December 17, 1996

Dear Mr. Cavanaugh:

I am writing to advise you of the decisions the Review Board made following your presentation on December 17, 1996. The Board voted to uphold your new substitute language for record 10056; however, after further deliberations, it declined to change its earlier decisions on records 10112, 10113, and 10084. The Board voted to withdraw its previous decisions on records 10058 and 10119 in anticipation of receiving additional evidence from NSA.

In accordance with the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, the only appeal an agency can make beyond the Review Board is to the President. Should NSA desire to appeal the decisions made on records 10112, 10113, or 10084, it should address its appeal to President Clinton at the White House. The White House has requested that the appeals be noticed within seven days.

The Review Board greatly appreciates the time and effort that you and other NSA employees have taken to support the Board's work, and it looks forward to continuing that relationship in the future.

Sincerely yours,

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