

December 8, 1997

The Honorable James H. Billington  
Librarian of Congress  
101 Independence Avenue, S.E.  
Washington D.C. 20540-1000

Dear Mr. Billington:

As you may be aware, I introduced H.R. 1553 (now P.L. 105-25), which authorized a one-year extension of the life of the Assassination Records Review Board. I also am Chairman of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee, which oversees the work of the Review Board.

I would like you to be aware that I have a great personal interest in ensuring that the work of the Review Board is completed by September 30, 1998, and that all agencies of the government fulfill their obligations under the law.

In response to questions from my office, the Review Board has advised that the Library of Congress effectively has failed to respond to its inquiries, including most recently a comprehensive letter sent to you by Executive Director T. Jeremy Gunn on October 27, 1997, a copy of which I am enclosing.

I urge you to take all appropriate steps to ensure that the Library promptly fulfills its legal obligations under P.L. 105-25 and that it respond expeditiously to the outstanding requests from the Review Board.

Sincerely,

Dan Burton  
Chair

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