

December 8, 1997

Hon. Richard C. Shelby
Chairman
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-6475

Dear Chairman Shelby:

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 House 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 Board is completed by September 30, 1998.

In response to questions from my office, the Review Board has advised me that it particularly has appreciated recent moves by the Senate Select Committee staff, particularly Staff Director Taylor Lawrence, to help complete the work of the Review Board. It is my understanding that there are some outstanding requests to the Committee from the Review Board, but that they look forward to working with Mr. Lawrence to complete the task. I hope that the Select Committee continues its work with the Review Board so that the important goals of the legislation can be fulfilled.

Again, I very much appreciate the positive steps that have been taken.

Sincerely,

Dan Burton
Chair

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