

January 5, 1998

Mr. Norman Mailer
c/o Jason Epstein
Random House
201 E. 50th Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Mailer:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Assassination Records Review Board, an independent Federal agency established pursuant to the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994). The Review Board, whose members were appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, is charged with the responsibility of collecting records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. The Review Board is not seeking to reach any conclusions regarding the assassination, but is primarily concerned with locating assassination records and making them available to the public through the National Archives.

We would very much like to speak with you (or your designated representative) regarding the possibility of our obtaining copies of the rich archival material that you obtained for *Oswald's Tale* from Russian and Belarusian sources. (I am enclosing a list of citations that we identified in your book.) We believe that records such as these would be a valuable addition to the historical record.

In addition, we would be interested in your suggestions for other documents that might be of potential interest for the National Archives or of other people with whom we should speak.

I would very much appreciate hearing from you or your representative at your earliest convenience regarding this matter. I can be reached at 202-724-0088.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. T. Jeremy Gunn
Executive Director

Enclosure