July 21, 1998

His Excellency Fernando Remirez de Estenoz
Chief of the Cuban Interests Section
The Embassy of Switzerland
2630 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.   20009

Dear Sr. Remirez:

As I am sure you are aware, the Assassination Records Review Board, an independent agency of the US government, has been involved in the process of declassifying government records related to the assassination of President Kennedy.   As a part of these efforts, we have declassified many records related to US government activities related to Cuba.   Upon the request of Sr. Dagoberto Rodriguez, we have been pleased to send to him copies of many of the declassified records.

More than a year ago, members of the Review Board staff met with you and Sr. Rodriguez to discuss the possibility of our exchanging US and Cuban records that are relevant to the assassination of President Kennedy.   We were very pleased by your understanding of our concerns and your expressed willingness to pursue contacts with your government.   We were gratified by your understanding of the importance to the American people of the assassination of President Kennedy and their desire to understand as much as possible about that tragic event.   It is my understanding that there have been continuing discussions about this issue between the Review Board staff and Sr. Rodriguez.

I am writing now to request your personal intervention in assisting the Review Board in making contacts with appropriate Cuban officials to discuss an exchange of records.   The Review Board would very much appreciate your facilitating such efforts, including the possibility of arranging for Review Board officials to travel to Cuba.   Because, the Review Board's congressional mandate expires on September 30, 1998, we would very much appreciate your assistance in moving forward on this request as soon as is possible.

We appreciate your attention to this matter.   I will try to contact you by telephone in the near future.

Sincerely,

Hon. John R. Tunheim
Chairman