

August 23, 1995

Mr. Clifford A. Fenton, Jr.  
10 Burton Avenue  
Newport News, Virginia 23601

Dear Mr. Fenton:

After reading your name in so many of the former House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) documents I'm pleased to have the occasion to write to you. In the event you are not familiar with the work the Assassinations Record Review Board (ARRB) is conducting, I've enclosed a copy of our legislation and a fact sheet.

It has come to my attention that the HSCA attempted to review the files of the late William Sullivan shortly after his death from a hunting accident in November 1977. From reading several of your outside contact reports (OCRs) and your interview reports, as well as the Committee's subpoena, I know that you and HSCA investigator James P. Kelly interviewed the Sullivan family attorney, Joseph Casey, and conducted additional investigation. Apparently, Professor Blakey and some of the staff attorneys interviewed the Department of Justice officials who conducted its review of the file in early 1978. I've also enclosed copies of your OCRs and interview reports from this matter.

What I have not been able to determine is whether or not the HSCA was ever successful in reviewing or obtaining the Sullivan files and, if you were successful, what, if any, conditions or restrictions were placed on your review of his files. I would like to discuss this matter with you by telephone after you've had a chance to review the enclosed materials and had your recollection refreshed. I will contact you by telephone next week.

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation with the Review Board's work.

Sincerely,

Anne Buttimer, Esq.  
Chief Investigator

Enclosures