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Dear Mrs. McBride:

I just spoke by telephone with Mr. W. G. "Bill" Siebert concerning the military service record of one Jose A. Rivera. Mr. Siebert told me that you need proof of Dr. Rivera's death in order to process our request for his complete military record. I learned of Dr. Rivera's death through the investigative efforts of this office, and determined through a computer search of Dr. Rivera's Social Security Master Death File Record that he died in August 1989. His social security account number was 214-28-5673.

I have enclosed for your review the computer-generated printout of the Social Security Master Death File Record and a computer-generated printout of Dr. Rivera's obituary from *The Washington Times*. I believe this will be sufficient proof of Dr. Rivera's death for you to process the requested records. I've sent copies of the same to Mr. Siebert.

I've also enclosed for your review some explanatory material about the Assassination Records Review Board, including a copy of our enabling legislation (by mail).

Please call me at 202/724-0088, ext. 229 if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

Anne Buttimer, Esq.  
Chief Investigator

Enclosures