

Assassination Records Review Board

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Dear Lieutenant Rucker:

I am writing to follow up on Mr. Gregory G. Cowart's letter to the Assassination Records Review Board dated July 28, 1995. A copy of that letter is enclosed for your review.

By way of introduction, the Assassination Records Review Board is an independent federal agency created to oversee the identification and release of records related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The Review Board was established by the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 (PL 102-526) and was signed into law by President George Bush. The law gives the Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB) the mandate and authority to identify, secure, and make available all records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. I am enclosing a copy of the act and some explanatory material.

The scope of the Review Board's mandate includes assassination-related records in the custody of federal agencies, local and state government entities, as well as those in the private sector. It has come to the Review Board's attention that the Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit (LEIU) may maintain intelligence files and records from Dallas and possibly other cities concerning Lee Harvey Oswald and others who were viewed as members of subversive groups. Any records or other documents created as a result of that work may well be considered assassination-related records under the statute.

According to Mr. Cowart's letter, his office caused a search of LEIU records to be conducted with no

response received to the name Lee Harvey Oswald. While Oswald's
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name is part of the story of President Kennedy's assassination, it is by no means the only name. Other important names related to assassination records, for which LEIU members may have created files, include:

Fair Play for Cuba Committee
Jack Ruby
Communist Party of the United States (for the time period 1960- 1965)
Marguerite Oswald
Marina Oswald
and others.

Will you please call me when you've had a chance to review this letter and its enclosures. I would like to speak with you about the best manner in which to review LEIU files for the names given above. Also, as a former law enforcement officer I would like to know more about LEIU from the perspective of professional interest. Thank you for your time and assistance with this inquiry.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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