

February 8, 1996

Ms. Shirley Timmerman  
Western New England College  
D'Amour Library  
1215 Wilbraham Road  
Springfield, MA 01119

Dear Ms. Timmerman:

The Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB) is an independent federal agency created to oversee the identification and release of records related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The ARRB was established by the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 (PL 102-526) (the Act) and was signed into law by President George Bush. The law gives the 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.

From our telephone conversation, I understand your library may have assassination-related records from the collection of Richard Sprague, who amassed approximately 300 photographs and 25,000 motion picture frames of the assassination.

I look forward to receiving the inventory of the Sprague Collection. After receiving it, I will contact you to discuss the possible donation of some or all of this material to the National Archives. As we discussed, such a donation would be made pursuant to a deed of gift. Please share this information with the Collection Archivist, Kathy Burns, so that we can work toward that end.

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Thank you again for the information you provided last Friday, and please do not hesitate to call me at Ext. 258 if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to speaking with you next week.

Sincerely,

David R. Montague

Investigator

Enclosures