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Dear Mr. Tonahill:

By way of introduction, 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) 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. Any records created in conjunction with Jack Ruby's prosecution for the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald fall in the latter category. The Review Board understands your office still has correspondence, notes, briefs, and possibly other records related to your representation of Mr. Ruby.

As a first step, I would appreciate your naming a point of contact in your organization who could meet with my staff to discuss the issue of including these records in the John F. Kennedy Records Collection at the National Archives.

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

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell  
Executive Director

Enclosures