March 3, 1997

The Honorable William S. Cohen Secretary of Defense United States Department of Defense Room 3E880, The Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20301-1030

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In accordance with the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 (PL 102-526, 44 U.S.C. § 2107, the "JFK Act"), I am enclosing a copy of the Assassination Records Review Board FY 1996 report.

The attachment to this letter is intended to present the accomplishments of the Assassination Records Review Board during FY 1996. Included in this report is the Review Board's recommendation that the JFK Act be amended to extend the Board's mandate for one additional year.

Should you have any questions, please call me at (202) 724-0088.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell Executive Director

Enclosure