March 20, 1997

Mr. Joseph Backes 9 Kaine Terrace Albany, NY 12208-1215

Dear Mr. Backes:

Per your request, I have enclosed the selected copies of the notes taken by former Special Agent James P. Hosty that the Review Board has made available, as well as the FY 1996 report.

From October 29, 1996 through November 2, 1996, Judge John Tunheim, Kermit Hall, and David Marwell visited Minsk and Moscow. In Minsk they visited the Belarusian KGB. While in Moscow, they visited the Foreign Ministry, the Intelligence Agency, and the Archives. They recovered several records from the Foreign Ministry, and the Board is pursuing others.

The transcripts of all the depositions taken relating to the medical evidence will become available as soon as the Board completes its pursuit of records and information related to the medical evidence.

Sincerely,

Eileen A. Sullivan Assistant Press and Public Affairs Officer

**Enclosures**