January 21, 1997

Mr. Frank Mather
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Dear Mr. Mather:

This letter is a follow-up to our telephone conversation of January 17, 1997.

With regard to Marina Oswald Porter's public statement and letter of April 19, 1996, we are pursuing many of the issues raised in her request. We have also asked her to sign a waiver for IRS returns. We sent her two copies of a waiver and spoke to her on the phone. We would be happy to have Ms. Porter sign a release. If Jim Lesar can persuade her to do so, we would appreciate it.

On the topic of deposition transcripts, the Review Board did not promise to make the transcripts available. The Review Board hoped to be able to release the records by the end of the year. We are currently pursuing some new leads and we do not want to prejudice our chances by an untimely release. The inquiry into medical records is ongoing. As soon as the inquiry is over, all of the records will be released in full and will be available to the public at the National Archives and Records Administration.

I have enclosed a copy of the transcript of the Review Board's hearing held on September 17, 1996, in Los Angeles.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the work of the Board. It would be helpful to submit any future inquiries or comments in writing.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Wilborn

Press and Public Affairs Officer

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