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Mr. Paul McCaghren 3530 Forest Lane Suite 45 Dallas, Texas 75234

Dear Mr. McCaghren:

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me on the telephone last Thursday evening. I appreciate that you were willing to discuss various matters of importance to the Assassination Records Review Board.

As we discussed, I am enclosing an information packet for your review. I hope the explanation of the Review Board's mandate and history of the work that we have done to date is useful to you. The President recently signed a law that will extend the Board until September 30, 1998, to allow us to complete our work and submit a final report to the President and the Congress.

In addition, I will search the database to determine what materials that you provided to the House Select Committee on Assassinations can be accounted for in the Committee files. After this review of the files, I will call you regarding whether or not we will request that you let us borrow the copies of records that the Committee sent back to you.

Again, thank you for your time and assistance on the telephone last week. I enjoyed our conversation and look forward to talking with you again in the near future. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 724-0088, ext. 227, if you have any comments or questions regarding the material that I have enclosed or if you have any suggestions regarding records related to the assassination of President Kennedy that could be of interest to the Review Board.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Samoluk Associate Director

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