

January 23, 1998

Ms. Helen O'Donnell
9737 Elderidge Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the Assassination Records Review Board. As you may be aware, the Board is an independent federal agency created by The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 (PL 102-526) to oversee the review and release of records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. President Clinton appointed the five members of the Board in April 1994. I have enclosed a fact sheet on the Review Board for your information.

An important part of the Review Board's mandate, as articulated by the United States Congress, is to compile at the National Archives as complete a record of the assassination as possible. The Congress clearly stated that the Review Board was to search beyond the records of previous governmental investigations and seek relevant assassination records that are in private hands.

The Review Board is interested in discussing with you the types of materials which may be relevant to the record of the assassination which we are compiling as part of our mandate. Hearing from you on this topic would be very helpful to us.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please call me collect at (202) 724-0088, ext. 227. I look forward to the opportunity to provide you with any additional information about the Review Board that you may desire and to discuss records that may be relevant to the assassination of President Kennedy.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Samoluk
Deputy Director

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