July 18, 1997

Michael Ravnitzky 612 Lincoln Avenue No. 301 St. Paul, MN 55102

Re: FOIA Request Dated July 8, 1997

Dear Mr. Ravnitzky:

Because our FOIA officer is out of the office this month, I am responding to your FOIA request dated July 8, 1997. It is my understanding that you are requesting a list of the recipients of ARRB press releases.

Your FOIA request is hereby being granted in part and denied in part. The vast majority of the persons to whom we send press releases are private individuals who have requested information about the Review Board's activities. To the extent that your request would require us to identify individuals, or to the extent that it would require us to provide information that would identify private individuals, we are not making that information available. We are declining to provide information identifying individuals under the privacy exception, 552(b)(6), of the Freedom of Information Act.

Although we are not obligated under FOIA to create new lists, we nevertheless have attempted to generate for you information regarding the commercial institutions and other associations to whom we send our press releases. Accordingly, we are enclosing two lists. The first is a main list of those organizations that are identified in our computer database for receiving press releases by fax. The second list identifies additional organizations that receive press releases. We are not, however, providing the names of the individuals at these institutions or their telephone numbers. The enclosed information is being provided to you at no cost.

If you consider this letter to be a denial of your request under the Freedom of Information Act, you have the right to appeal our determination within 30 days.

Appeals should be addressed to David G. Marwell, Executive Director, Assassination Records Review Board, 600 E Street, N.W., 2nd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald G. Haron Senior Attorney

Enclosures