

March 5, 1996

Jerrold F. Custer
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15239

Dear Mr. Custer:

I am writing you on behalf of the Assassination Records Review Board, an independent Federal Agency established pursuant to the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107. The Review Board, whose members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, is charged with collecting records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. The Review Board is not seeking to reach any conclusions regarding the assassination, but is primarily concerned with identifying, clarifying, locating, and making available assassination records. I am enclosing some explanatory material about the Review Board and its mandate.

We are aware of your role as one of two enlisted Navy X-Ray technicians at the autopsy on President Kennedy. We are also aware that, unlike several other autopsy participants, there is no record of your being interviewed by the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

We are seeking any materials you may hold that relate to the death of President Kennedy. These would include, but would not be limited to, any contemporaneous or after-the-fact notes regarding the autopsy or autopsy findings, or concerning the X-Rays which you and Mr. Reed took during the autopsy. In addition, any diary or personal log entries you may have made during the time period following the autopsy might be appropriate for inclusion in the JFK Collection at the Archives. Your cooperation with the Review Board in completing the record of the President's autopsy, to the fullest extent possible, would be greatly appreciated.

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Please contact either Mr. Tim Wray, our Military Records Team Leader, or Mr. Douglas Horne, a Military Records Team Staff Analyst, at our office address by mail, or by telephone, so that we may schedule a telephone interview with you at a time of mutual convenience. Our telephone number is (202) 724-0088. Please feel free to call collect. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

Enclosure