

April 12, 1996

Mr. Edward F. Reed, Jr.
54 Blake Avenue
Rockledge, Pennsylvania 19046

Dear Mr. Reed:

I am writing to 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 of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994). The Review Board, whose members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, is charged with the responsibility of 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 contacting you because we understand that you were one of two enlisted X-ray technologists present during the autopsy of President Kennedy at Bethesda Naval Hospital on November 22, 1963. In that context 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. In addition, any diary or personal log entries you may have made during the time periods following the autopsy, or following any possible subsequent contact with any government agency or entity regarding the autopsy, might be appropriate for inclusion in the JFK Collection at the National Archives. Your cooperation in helping the Review Board complete the record of the President's autopsy, to the fullest extent possible, would be appreciated.

We would like very much to schedule an interview with you to discuss your role and your observations during the autopsy of President Kennedy. Please call either Mr. Tim Wray, our Chief Analyst for Military Records, or Mr. Douglas Horne, a Senior Analyst

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working with military and medical records, so that we may schedule a telephonic interview with you. We look forward to hearing from you, and I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

Enclosures