

April 3, 1996

Dr. Janet G. Travell
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Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear Dr. Travell:

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, 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.

We are aware that you served as personal physician to John F. Kennedy while he was serving in the United States Senate during the 1950s, and also treated him while he was President. We are seeking any materials you may hold that relate to the death of President Kennedy. These might include notes or records related to President Kennedy's wounds, his autopsy at Bethesda Naval Hospital, his interment, the disposition of any biological materials from the autopsy, or conversations with other individuals (e.g., Admiral George Burkley or members of the Kennedy family) regarding any of these matters. Any records of this sort 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 regarding these matters. Please call either Mr. Tim Wray, our Chief Analyst for Military Records, or Mr. Douglas Horne, a Senior Analyst working with military and medical records, so that we may

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schedule an interview with you either here at our offices, or in your home if you so desire. We look forward to hearing from you, and I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director