

August 6, 1996

Mr. Antonio Veciana
101 NW 129th Ave.
Miami, FL 33182-1133

Dear Mr. Veciana:

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 (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 Board is not seeking to reach any conclusions regarding the assassination, but is primarily concerned with identifying, clarifying, locating, and making available assassination records.

Please take the opportunity to review the enclosed material that explains the scope of the JFK Act, the Review Board's mandate, and its powers, (including granting immunity and issuing subpoenas).

You may note that the Review Board, in addition to its mandate to collect records, is also interested in clarifying and augmenting the official record where necessary. As a result, our staff has reviewed your testimony before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (Church Committee) and the House Select Committee on Assassinations, and would like to ask for your assistance in clearing up several issues.

The Review Board feels very strongly that answers to questions such as the following will help enhance the historical understanding of the Kennedy case. The staff analyst responsible for this request, Mr. Manuel E. Legaspi, will be contacting you shortly to arrange a telephone interview so that we may discuss some of the following issues:

1. Are you now in a position to provide additional evidence on the individual known as Maurice Bishop?
2. Is there anyone you can identify who could now possibly provide additional information on the identity of the person you identified as Maurice Bishop?

3. Do you have any information about a March 1963 raid on a Soviet ship docked in Cuban waters that may have involved Mr. Bishop?
4. Did you obtain a position with the United States Agency for International Development? Who assisted you in obtaining the position? What were your "official" responsibilities as an AID employee?
5. Did Cesar Diosdado question any Cuban exiles after the assassination? Why?
6. Do you have any proof of receiving a \$253,000 (or any other amount) from Maurice Bishop?
7. Are you currently in possession of records relating to any of the issues mentioned above or any investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy?

If you need any clarification regarding this request or any additional information on the Review Board, please feel free to direct your call (collect) to Mr. Legaspi or T. Jeremy Gunn, General Counsel and Associate Director for Analysis and Research.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director