

September 6, 1995

Mr. J. H. Ballenger
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Dear Mr. Ballenger:

Thank you for your letter of August 31, 1995 to Mr. John Tunheim, Chair of the Review Board. He has asked me to respond.

I am enclosing for your information a letter that Mr. Tunheim sent to interested parties explaining the Review Board's position on releasing records and the Board's obligations under the law. In addition, I have enclosed a copy of the law under which the Board operates. The law mandates that the Board, not the President in the first instance, make judgments about the release of the records. To not exercise judgment, as mandated under the law, would be an abdication of the Board's responsibilities and defeat the purpose of its existence.

Again, thank you for writing and for your interest in the work of the Review Board.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Samoluk, Esq.
Associate Director for Communications

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