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To Members of the Public:

On November 18, 1994, the Assassination Records Review Board conducted its second public hearing, in Dallas, Texas. The purpose of the hearing was to allow interested members of the public to offer testimony on the existence and location of assassination records. The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 provided for and, in fact, encouraged public input and participation in the Board's work. The Board believes that it is important to fulfill the Congress' mandate to be open and accessible, and specifically that it was important to conduct a hearing in Dallas where the assassination occurred.

The Review Board heard testimony from 19 witnesses at the Dallas hearing. The record of the hearing is contained in this volume. The record of the other public hearing, and three public meetings held by the Review Board in Washington, D.C., during 1994 is available to the public in other volumes.

The Review Board will continue to seek to ensure openness and accessibility in its work. The ready availability of the Board's public record is an important part of this continuing effort.

Sincerely,

John R. Tunheim Chair