Assassination Records Review Board 600 E Street NW • 2nd Floor • Washington, DC 20530

August 1, 1995

Ms. Mary Ferrell 4406 Holland Avenue Dallas, Texas 75219-2133

Dear Mary:

Upon receiving your letter of July 17, 1995, I attempted to reach you over the telephone several times. As I was unsuccessful, I am now writing to you.

First, your statement that you had heard nothing from me about the database led me to believe that you had not received my May 22, 1995 letter acknowledging receipt of the database and thanking you for your cooperation. I have enclosed a copy of that letter for your information. Please be assured, your help is very much appreciated.

Second, we had no trouble with the database and it has been very useful to the staff.

Third, we have no desire to do anything contrary to your wishes. Thus, consistent with our legal authority, we will ensure that the database does not become part of the Review Board's official records when the Board ceases to exist. It would be preferable if you allowed it to be made publicly available after a certain restricted period of time (perhaps five years), but absent any indication that you would agree to this arrangement, we will comply with your expressed desire that it not be part of the Board records.

Finally, please let me know if you have any other comments, questions or concerns in connection with this or any other matters. We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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