September 15, 1995

Mr. Mather
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Dear Mr. Mather:

This letter is a follow-up to our telephone conversation of September 14, 1995 regarding two matters related to the HSCA "Lopez Report" and former HSCA staff member Ed Lopez.

First, the Board will be reviewing all HSCA documents which contain redactions, including the "Lopez Report." I cannot give you a specific date when the Board will review the "Lopez Report," but it is worth noting that their primary focus to date has been on documents related to Oswald's trip to Mexico City. Thus, it is likely that this document will be reviewed by the end of the year.

Second, the Board's review of records, search for additional records and interviews with former HSCA staff members has not been hampered by the HSCA non-disclosure agreement. Should it become a problem, the Board would certainly explore what action may be required to remedy the problem. However, any Board action resulting in the removal of a former staff member's obligation under the non-disclosure agreement would only be relevant to discussions with the Review Board and staff. It would not free

the individual to discuss matters covered by the non-disclosure agreement in a public forum. Finally, any additional oath taken or agreement signed by Mr. Lopez (to which you made general reference) may have to do with classified information that is still being protected. His obligations under the oath or agreement would still be relevant and a matter over which the Review Board has no authority.

Thank you for your interest in the Review Board. I am sure we will be talking soon to discuss these and other related matters in the near future.

Sincerely,

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