December 19, 1994

Mr. Joseph Backes 9 Kaine Terrace Albany, New York 12208-1215

Dear Mr. Backes:

Thank you for your December 5, 1994 letter which included information regarding various Kennedy assassination records. We appreciate your taking the time to follow up on your testimony in Dallas with the letter and accompanying enclosures.

The Review Board and staff will be reviewing all of the correspondence we have received. Substantive leads will be pursued as we seek to fulfill the mandate provided to us by Congress to go beyond the records of past presidential commissions and congressional committees. I believe that the input we have received from members of the research community such as yourself is exactly what the Congress envisioned with the passage of The John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act.

Please be assured that I understand the frustration you experienced in Dallas while attempting to obtain copies of photographs relating to the assassination. As I know you are aware, the Board does not have authority over the institutions involved in the matter you described. I suggest that you call the problem to the attention of the Director of The Sixth Floor museum, if you have not already done so.

Again, thank you for your continuing interest in assisting the Review Board. Your time and effort is appreciated. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell Executive Director