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Mr. Robert Schwartzmiller P.O. Box 111 Avonmore, PA 15618-0111

Dear Mr. Schwartzmiller:

This is in response to the letter which you faxed to the Review Board on August 3, 1995 containing several questions about the work of the Board.

First, the Review Board will be holding a meeting on October 23rd and 24th. It is likely that some part of that meeting will be open to the public. In addition, it is anticipated that there will be participation by members of the Review Board or staff members at the COPA conference, although no specific arrangements have been made at this time.

Second, under The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, the Review Board has the authority to issue subpoenas. The Board will review all documents from past investigations that have not been released, including the House Select Committee on Assassination and the Warren Commission.

Third, the Review Board is not reinvestigating the assassination of President Kennedy. Under the law, the Board's mandate is to locate, secure and make all assassination records available to the American public. The Board has no power to prosecute. Any decision to conduct an investigation or prosecution based on records which were made public by the Board would have to be made by a law enforcement agency.

Thank you for your interest in the work of the Review Board.

Sincerely,

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