

December 13, 1994

Mr. Leonard Downie, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Downie:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to meet with members of the Assassination Records Review Board staff and me on Monday.

As I mentioned during our meeting, the Board believes that the release of all Kennedy assassination records will clarify the facts surrounding the assassination, but also, redefine the meaning of, and need for, secrecy in government and help to restore a measure of confidence in government. At a minimum, we will be able to assure the American public that no information about the assassination is being hidden by the government.

Again, thank you for meeting with us. We look forward to working with your staff as the Board begins the review of documents and conducts additional public hearings in the near future.

Sincerely,

John R. Tunheim
Chair

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Mr. Jeffrey Frank
Deputy Editor, Outlook
The Washington Post
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Dear Mr. Frank:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with members of the Assassination Records Review Board staff and me on Monday. We appreciate the opportunity to discuss the work that the Board will be doing relative to the release of all Kennedy assassination records.

As I mentioned during our meeting, the law that created the Review Board has given the American public an extraordinary and unprecedented opportunity to gain insight into its government and its recent history. In the process of the Board doing its work, we hope to see renewed public confidence in government, and perhaps a way for government business to be conducted more effectively -- and more openly -- in the future.

Again, thank you for meeting with us. We look forward to staying in touch as the actual review of records gets underway and we conduct additional public hearings.

Sincerely,

John R. Tunheim
Chair

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Mr. Jefferson Morley
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Dear Mr. Morley:

I would like to thank you for arranging the meeting with Len Downie, Jeff Frank and you on Monday. It was an important opportunity for us to explain what the Board will be doing in the next few years and articulate why it important to the American public.

I also appreciate your continuing interest in the Board. As I know you are aware, we believe that the work of the Board will help to bring clarity to more than three decades of confusion, doubt and controversy, and in the process help to restore a measure of confidence in government.

Again, thank you for inviting us over to the Post and for following the Board's progress. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

John R. Tunheim
Chair