

Assassination Records Review Board

Budget Request Submission
to the
Office of Management and Budget

Fiscal Year 1998

March 6, 1997

The Honorable Franklin D. Raines
Director, Office of Management and Budget
Old Executive Office Building, Room 252
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Raines:

The Assassination Records Review Board has accomplished much in its first two years, but there is still a great deal of important work to do. For this reason, the Review Board is seeking one additional year. As you may know, the Review Board was scheduled to cease operations at the end of FY 1997, and although the Review Board had hoped to be able to conclude its activity within the time limit established by Congress, that timetable proved unrealistic for an unprecedented project of this magnitude. A full explanation for the need for additional time has been set out in the Review Board's recently issued FY 1996 Report.

After careful consideration and calculations regarding what could realistically be accomplished in FY 1997, the Review Board concluded on February 18 to seek authorization for one additional year and the associated budgetary resources. As a result, we did not submit an FY 1998 budget request. We do so now and hereby request to be included in the President's FY 1998 budget in the amount of \$1.6 million. This sum, combined with \$500,000 in no-year money that the Review Board has carried over from its first year of operation, will provide sufficient funds for the Board to continue for an additional year, finish its work and issue a complete final report to the President, the Congress and the American people. The enclosure provides a breakdown and justification by object class.

We understand, and apologize for, the added complication of submitting this request at this time, and hope that you will be able to support it.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to have a member of your staff contact me at (202) 724-0088, ext. 232, if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director