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Mr. D.E., faxed an article slamming Board members for not believing in a conspiracy. I think we may wish to respond to this one, with the essential points being:1. The statutory mission of the Board is to release records and that is the measure by which it should be judged. By this measure, the Board has done an outstanding job.2. I can say that in all of the closed meetings, I never heard -- even once -- any Board member argue that something should not be released because it did or did not support any theory of the assassination. For the Board's work of declassifying, theories are not relevant. Hence the Board members have put aside any of their own personal opinions and have done a professional and objective job. Moreover, in hiring the senior staff the Board never once imposed a litmus test or even asked what staff member opinions are.3. D.E. does not want to measure the Board by the results of its work, but judges instead the "political correctness" of Board members' individual opinions. And D.E. isn't even consistent here. He criticizes them for not believing in a conspiracy -- but compliments Jack for not stating an opinion. In other words, Board members should believe in a conspiracy or be silent. Sure sounds like political correctness to me. It is very fortunate that the Board members have not attempted to impose the type of litmus test on the documents and the staff that D.E. wishes to impose on the Board. In this the Board has been scrupulously objective and professional. 4. Let's remember the goal -- releasing records. Let's let the released records speak rather than criticize the very people who are making them available.

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