

August 11, 1997

Mr. Roger E. Boyajian  
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Dear Mr. Boyajian:

I am writing you on behalf of the Assassination Records Review Board, an independent Federal Agency established pursuant to the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994). The Review Board, whose members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, is charged with the responsibility of collecting records and information related to the assassination of President Kennedy, and ensuring that those records are placed in the recently created JFK Records Collection at the National Archives. The Review Board is not seeking to reach any conclusions regarding the assassination, and has no vested interest in either supporting or refuting the findings of the Warren Commission, the Rockefeller Commission, the Church Committee, or the House Select Committee on Assassinations; rather, we are primarily concerned with identifying, clarifying, locating, and making available assassination records. I am enclosing some explanatory material about the Review Board and its mandate.

It is our understanding that you were the Marine Corps NCO in charge of the security detail which protected the morgue at the Bethesda National Naval Medical Center during the autopsy on President Kennedy on November 22-23, 1963. We are interested in any records which you may have created regarding this event (such as contemporaneous notes, diary or journal entries, personal letters, or official memos or correspondence), and in any records created by others regarding the security detail which you may be aware of.

Accordingly, I will be telephoning you in the near future to ask you questions about records related to the Bethesda security detail which we understand you supervised on the night of the President's autopsy in November 1963. I look forward to speaking with you.

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Sincerely,

Douglas P. Horne

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