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DRAFT -- 12/04/95

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Dear Dr. Finck,

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. The Review Board, whose members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, is charged with collecting records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. I am enclosing with this letter some explanatory material about the Review Board and its mandate.

The specific purpose of this letter is to request of you any additional records that you may have pertaining to the autopsy on President Kennedy. We are aware of your 2 page letter to General Blumberg of January 25, 1965 summarizing the results of the autopsy on President Kennedy; of your subsequent transmission to him on February 1, 1965 of 23 pages of notes regarding the JFK autopsy; and are also aware of the 140 pages of typewritten notes, letters, and correspondence which you provided to the House Select Committee on Assassinations in 1978. All three of the above-mentioned items, as well as the transcript of your testimony at the Shaw trial in 1969, are presently part of the JFK Record Collection at the National Archives pursuant to the provisions of the JFK Records Act of 1992. Furthermore, your previously sealed March 11, 1978 testimony before the HSCA Forensic Pathology Panel was released in full in 1993 in accordance with the JFK Act and is also now part of the Collection.

What we are seeking are any other materials you may hold for inclusion in the JFK Record Collection at the Archives, including, but not limited to, any contemporaneous or after-the-fact handwritten notes regarding the autopsy or autopsy findings which you may possess; any autopsy face sheets or drawings which you may possess; and/or any other written materials that you might now hold which are not mentioned above, and which could be considered reasonably related to the assassination of President Kennedy.

Let me make clear to you that the Review Board is not empowered with reinvestigating the assassination, but primarily with the search for and collection of records, and also with making determinations regarding which of those assassination records still classified should be declassified, and when. However, your role in history, although thrust upon you by chance, placed you in a unique position in late 1963, and as you know there is still a considerable amount of interest in certain aspects of that tragic event. Your cooperation with the Review Board in completing the record of the

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President's autopsy, to the fullest extent possible, would be most appreciated.

Please contact either me or Jeremy Gunn, our General Counsel, at (202) 724-0088, so that we may answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to call collect. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

David G. Marwell  
Executive Director

Enclosure