

January 2, 1997

Dear _____:

Chairman Tunheim has asked me to respond to your letter of _____.

I can appreciate the frustration that you feel and that you have expressed so well in your letter. The Assassination Records Review Board was created to address exactly the doubts and uncertainty that prompted you to write to us. I want you to know that the members of the Board and my colleagues on the staff are doing our best to provide open and complete access to the records that relate to the assassination of President Kennedy.

We have already made great progress. Today there are millions of pages of records available at the National Archives that were not accessible before the passage of the legislation that established the Board. Several thousand previously secret records have been released because of Review Board's actions. While the efforts of the Board may not lead to certainty about what happened on November 22, 1963, it is our goal that, when we complete our work, the American people will have reason to be confident that their government is no longer hiding anything from them about this most tragic event.

Thank you for writing.

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