

The Honorable Alice M. Rivlin  
Office of Management and Budget  
Room 252  
Old Executive Office Building  
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Ms. Rivlin:

Contained herewith is the fiscal year 1997 budget request for the Assassination Records Review Board (the Board). As required by section 1108(c) of title 31, United States Code, I am reporting that all statements of obligations furnished to the Office of Management and Budget in connection with the Board's request for proposed appropriations for the fiscal year 1997 consist of valid obligations as defined in section 1501(a) of that title.

The Board's funding requirement for fiscal year 1997 is in the amount of \$2,551,000. A detailed breakdown and justification by object class is in the attached package.

Because of the sunset provisions of the President John F. Kennedy Records Collection Act of 1992 (as amended), the Board's budget request for fiscal year 1997 will be its last. This request reflects the special requirements of the Board in its final phase of operation. We have provided for a prudent reduction of personnel, while at the same time planned for the unique costs of closing down a complex and highly visible effort. Throughout this budget process, we have been driven by the guiding principles of (1) supporting the efforts of the Board members who are charged with identifying, locating, and making available all records relevant to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy; (2) maintaining a professional and support staff of top-caliber employees; (3) providing the necessary tools and the resources for the Board and staff to pursue the difficult mission and achieve the ambitious goals set by Congress; and (4) efficiently closing down our operation.

We are pleased to submit this fiscal year 1997 budget request and look forward to hearing of its disposition.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell  
Executive Director