

August 25, 1995

*Mr. Dennis R. Bartholomew
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Dear Mr. Bartholomew:

Thank you for your August 19, 1995 letter to Dr. David Marwell. He has asked me to respond to you.

First, your point regarding letting the American public know about the work of the Review Board is important and is the subject of our continuing focus.

News releases are sent out to all wire services, major newspapers, television networks, radio networks, and media outlets in major cities. Of course, we have no control over what outlets actually run stories about our activities. However, as demonstrated by the sampling I have enclosed, the coverage is broadening in the print media, as well as the electronic media. You have previously noted with regard to coverage of the Board which I have identified that it has not specifically dealt with encouraging the public to come forward with records. I assure you that any media coverage has resulted in people contacting us about records they possess or about the location of records.

Second, we are planning an initiative this fall, coinciding with the

anniversary of the assassination, to reach out to the American public and encourage individuals who may possess records, or know of their location, to contact the Review Board. The main focus will be on Dallas, but we will also attempt to get the message out nationwide.

Third, your example of WDSU-TV Richard Angelico getting grand jury transcripts from the Clay Shaw case demonstrates that our approach to raising public consciousness about the Board efforts is working. The source of the records contacted Angelico precisely because of the wide coverage the Board's public hearing received in New Orleans. The source states this in the enclosed affidavit (which we received with the name already redacted) and further adds that he was giving them to Angelico with the explicit understanding that the records would be turned over to the Review Board. In fact, the Board now possesses those records, as well as many others which we acquired in New Orleans. In addition, there have been numerous other leads generated because of the news coverage of the New Orleans public hearing.

Fourth, the enclosed news release and the excerpt of Chairman Tunheim's remarks at the New Orleans hearing in which he appeals to the public for cooperation in acquiring additional records is one indication that seeking public input has been a focus of public statements by the Board. As indicated earlier, that effort will continue in the future.

Fifth, if you know of an individual who claims to have information regarding assassination records, the Board would be interested in hearing from that person. The Board has certain authority under our legislation which may be

used to satisfy whatever concerns this person has about initiating contact with the Board.

Sixth, your letter will be provided to the appropriate staff member for careful review of the information regarding Lt. Col. Daniel Marvin.

Again, thank you for writing to the Review Board. We appreciate your taking the time to provide us with your thoughts.

Sincerely,

*Thomas E. Samoluk, Esq.
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