

Assassination Records Review Board

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June 5, 1995

Mr. Robert Leavelle
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Dear Mr. Leavelle:

By way of introduction, The Assassination Records Review Board is an independent federal agency created to oversee the identification and release of records related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The Review Board was established by the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 (P1102-526), and was signed into law by President George Bush. The law gives the Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB) the mandate and authority to identify, secure, and make available all records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. I am enclosing a copy of the act and some explanatory material.

The scope of the Review Board's mandate includes assassination-related records in the custody of federal agencies, local and state government entities as well as the private sector. It is our understanding your office may have the records from the New Orleans Police Department's prosecution of Lee Harvey Oswald in August 1963 on charges related to Oswald's distributing Fair Play for Cuba Committee leaflets on the streets of New Orleans. The New Orleans Criminal District Court informed me the records of a misdemeanor charge would be located with the Municipal Court.

As a first step it would be helpful to the Review Board if you would review your old files to determine where the Oswald file is now located. I expect to be in New Orleans in the near future and would like to meet with you at that time to review the files you locate. Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Anne Buttimer, Esq.
Chief Investigator

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