

Assassination Records Review Board

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Mr. Ed Lombard
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Dear Mr. Lombard:

I telephoned your office several times this week and left messages for you. I am following up with this letter in the event you did not receive those messages.

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 (PL 102-526), 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.

The scope of the Review Board's mandate includes assassination-related records in the custody of federal agencies, local and state government entities and the private sector. I understand the New Orleans Criminal District Court has files from Jim Garrison's investigation and prosecution of Clay Shaw in the late 1960s.

I will be in New Orleans in the next several weeks and would like to meet with you at that time to review the court's files from this case. I hope we have the opportunity to speak by telephone in the meantime. You are welcome to contact me at the number shown below. My 24 hour voice mail extension is 229 if I am not available when you call. I look forward to meeting you in the near future and appreciate your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

Anne Buttimer, Esq.
Chief Investigator