

Assassination Records Review Board

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Dear Dr. Martello and Mrs. Martello:

I am writing to follow-up on our meeting last Thursday morning. Thank you both once again for taking the time to meet with me. On behalf of the members of the Review Board I also appreciate your willingness to consider donating certain items which your late father obtained from Lee Harvey Oswald when Oswald was arrested by the New Orleans Police Department in August, 1963. At our meeting you mentioned your father's papers included a letter written by Oswald in what you believe is the Russian language as well as several of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee leaflets Oswald was distributing at the time of his arrest.

I understand your concern that these items be properly preserved to not only slow the effects of time, which you mentioned the letter was already showing, but to also properly commemorate your father's long police career. I want to reassure you the National Archives is the finest records preservation system in the world. By making a donation of the records your father collected you would be making a valuable contribution to the historical record in this case as well as ensuring that the records would be preserved for all to see into the future. In commemoration for your gift of these records the National Archives will present you with a signed copy of the deed of gift of the documents.

Thank you for sharing this letter with your mother, Dr. Martello. If I am able to answer any questions for you or your family I would be happy to do so. I look forward to meeting with you both again on my next trip to New Orleans; in the meantime it would be very helpful if you could review your father's papers to determine exactly what he saved from the Oswald arrest.

Sincerely,

Anne Buttimer, Esq.
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