

Assassination Records Review Board

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Mr. W. Fox McKeithen
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Dear Mr. McKeithen:

I trust you received David Marwell's letter of introduction to you dated May 23, 1995. A copy of the Review Board's enabling legislation was included with that letter. As you may recall from reviewing the legislation, the Review Board is under a Congressional mandate to locate and obtain original assassination records where ever possible.

The New Orleans Parish Criminal District Court Clerk's office recently informed the Review Board that they sent their file in case number 198-059, (section C); Louisiana v. Clay Shaw, to your office for microfilming a number of years ago. The Clerk of the Court, Ed Lombard, has made copies from that microfilm available to the Review Board, however the court no longer has the original file as it was not returned to them after it was microfilmed by your office per your usual practice.

I need to determine if the original file still exists in your archives and if it does, if your office will donate the files to the John F. Kennedy Records Collection at the National Archives. As I am sure you know, the National Archives provides the best records preservation system in the world. Additionally it would add greatly to the integrity of the Collection for the original court file to be available to the American people through the National Archives.

Thank you for reviewing this matter and for contacting me at extension 229 at your earliest convenience. I look forward to speaking with a member of your staff about this.

Sincerely,

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Chief Investigator

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