

June 20, 1996

Mr. William Manchester
Box 329 Wesleyan Station
Littletown, Connecticut 06457

Dear Mr. Manchester:

As I am sure you are aware, the Assassination Records Review Board was created pursuant to The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994). The five members of the Review Board were appointed by President Clinton and confirmed by the Senate. I am enclosing some background material on the Review Board and the JFK Act.

The Review Board's mandate includes reviewing federal, state, and private records related to the assassination of President Kennedy and, to the extent possible, adding them to the JFK Collection at the National Archives. During this past year the Board principally has been involved in declassifying FBI, CIA, and other agency records. We also have been involved in opening records at the Kennedy and Johnson libraries and have had discussions with officials at the libraries and with Burke Marshall.

As a part of our efforts, we would like to make two requests of you. First, we would like to have your authorization to review the interview notes, transcripts, and tapes created for *The Death of A President*, with two exceptions: those with Robert and Jacqueline Kennedy. Second, we would like to discuss with you the circumstances surrounding your interviews with Mrs. Kennedy and with Robert Kennedy.

Please feel free to call collect. If we do not hear from you, I will be asking Jeremy Gunn, who is our General Counsel and Director of Research and Analysis, to be contacting you in the near future.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

Enclosures

cc: Mr. William Johnson
John F. Kennedy Library