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Time-Life

Dear

I would very much like the opportunity to discuss with you or another appropriate person the possibility that Time-Life may have in its possession important records related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The Assassination Records Review Board is an independent federal agency that was created pursuant to the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994). The Review Board members were appointed by President Clinton and were confirmed by the U.S. Senate. The Review Board is seeking to locate important records related to the Kennedy assassination so that the American people can be as fully informed as possible about the tragedy.

As you know, Time-Life played a significant role with respect to several of the most critical events surrounding the assassination. Probably the most important was its having acquired the camera-original film by Henry Zapruder

records, particularly the film of the assassination taken by Abraham Zapruder. We also understand that Time-Life may have been involved in its own independent inquiries into the assassination, particularly during the late 1960s. Although we understand that the original Zapruder film has been returned to his family (along with some copies), we would very much like to meet with the appropriate persons at Time-Life who could provide us information on the types of records Time-Life may currently have in its possession and the possibility of making arrangements whereby Time-Life might consider contributing its records on the Kennedy assassination to the National Archives. I will be calling you within the next few days to see whether it might be possible to come to New York and meet with you or your representative regarding your unique records and the contribution that your company might make to the historical record.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

cc: Henry's friends

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