

January 9, 1997

Time-Life

Dear

We would like to discuss with you the possibility that Time-Life may have in its possession important historical records related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Our agency, 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, including Dr. Henry Graff, Professor Emeritus at Columbia University, were appointed by President Clinton and were confirmed by the U.S. Senate. The Board members' goal is to locate records related to the Kennedy assassination and place them in the National Archives so that they will be available to all Americans.

Time-Life played a significant role with respect to some important assassination 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
Professor Henry P. Graff

e:\...\corresp\time-lif.wpd