

June 3, 1997

Mr. Russell A. Langelle
863 Jacksonville Street
Arlington, VA 22205

Dear Mr. Langelle:

I am writing you on behalf of the Assassination Records Review Board, an independent Federal Agency established pursuant to the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994). The Review Board, whose members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, is charged with the responsibility of collecting records and information related to the assassination of President Kennedy. Review Board members and staff are required by law to possess Top Secret, SCI clearances. The Review Board is not seeking to reach any conclusions regarding the assassination, but is primarily concerned with identifying, clarifying, locating, and making available assassination records. I am enclosing some explanatory material about the Review Board and its mandate.

As Michelle Combs mentioned in her telephone call last Tuesday, we would like very much to discuss your work experiences in Moscow from 1957-1959 with you. We believe that your past in-depth knowledge of the Moscow Embassy and its procedures may assist the ARRB in our attempts to clarify the historical record in this area.

Before talking with you, we would like to make certain that you would feel free to discuss fully all relevant aspects of your work in Moscow. To the extent that you think that discussion of your work might possibly involve classified or sensitive matters, we would like to resolve such concerns in a way that would provide you with whatever assurance that you need that you would not be improperly divulging classified information. If you feel discussing this subject with the Review Board would constitute disclosure of any information that is still classified, we will be happy to initiate a discussion between you and the appropriate officials to address any concerns you may have.

One of the members of our staff, Michelle Combs, will be calling to arrange a mutually agreeable time and place for an interview. Should you wish to contact us in response to

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this letter, please call for either Michelle Combs (a Senior Analyst on the State and CIA Records Team) or myself. We look forward to talking with you again.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn

General Counsel and

Associate Director for Research & Analysis

Enclosures