

January 5, 1998

Mr. Norman Mailer
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Dear Mr. Mailer:

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 part of the Board's mandate, we are working to clarify the historical record on issues surrounding the assassination and to ensure that relevant documents, files, and boxes are placed in the public domain. Having reviewed the material you cite in your book Oswald's Tale, we are interested in making copies of any Russian documents relating to Lee Harvey Oswald or the Kennedy assassination that you might have in your possession. Enclosed is a list of citations for the Russian archival materials. These materials would be placed in the John F. Kennedy Collection at the National Archives and Records Administration in College Park, Maryland.

In addition, we would be interested in your suggestions for documents or files you have seen which you believe should be examined and reviewed by the Review Board. We would like very much to discuss this subject with you, and believe that your in-depth knowledge may assist the ARRB in our attempts to clarify the historical record in this area.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn
Executive Director

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Locations in Norman Mailer's Oswald's Tale where Russian Government documentation dealing principally with Lee and Marina Oswald is cited.

Oswald's Tale

- Page 76 From KGB observation performed from 08:00 to 23:00 on January 9, 1960
- Page 76 From KGB observation performed from 08:00 till 24:00 on January 10, 1960
- Page 78 From KGB chronology 13.01.60
- Page 78 From KGB observation performed from 08:00 till 24:00 on January 13, 1960
- Page 86 From KGB observation performed from 07:00 to 23:00 on January 30, 1960
- Page 91 From KGB report: 18 February 1960
- Page 101 From KGB observation performed from 07:00 on May 1, 1960 till 01:50 on May 2, 1960
- Page 110 From KGB observation performed from 12:00 till 24:00 Saturday, July 2, 1960
- Page 112 From KGB observation performed from 8:00 till 23:00 Sunday, July 3, 1960
- Page 112 Service Report July 8, 1960
- Page 114 From KGB chronology, Times: 4.IX.60, 4.IX.60, 6.IX.60, 7.IX.60, 8.IX.60, 9.IX.60
- Page 114 From KGB observation from 13:00 till 15:20 on September 10, 1960
- Page 128 From KGB observation performed from 08:00 to 24:00 on December 23, 1960
- Page 211 From KGB transcripts for object: OLH-2658 for period: 17 July 1961

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Page 212 From KGB transcripts for object: OLH-2658 for period: 19 July 1961

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Page 230 From KGB transcripts for object: OLH-2658 for period: 11 August 1961

Page 246 From KGB report

Page 247 From KGB mail surveillance

Page 260 From KGB transcripts for object: OLH-2727 for period: 31 December 1961

Page 273 Stepan Vasilyevich writes memo labeled TOP SECRET.

Page 285 From KGB transcripts for object: OLH-2983 for period: 19 May 1962

Page 290 From KGB transcripts for object: OLH-2983 for period: 20 May 1962

Page 291 From KGB report

Page 313 From KGB report 10.13.62

Page 331 There are no documents cited on this page but the second full paragraph notes that Stepan Vasilyevich thinks that if the file on LHO is given to the United States, the "slanders" about the USSR would be dispelled. He had been told late on November 22nd to bring the LHO file from Minsk to Moscow. He did so on the 23rd.

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