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July 10, 1998

The Honorable Frank W. Hunger
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Division
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Assistant Attorney General:

Thank you for your letter of July 8, 1998, regarding the Assassination Records Review Board's request that the Department of Justice issue a subpoena duces tecum to Mr. Lawrence Schiller for the production of his copies of KGB records pertaining to Lee Harvey Oswald. The Review Board is encouraged by your willingness to seek the Attorney General's authorization of the issuance of the subpoena to Mr. Schiller, and it would like to assist in fulfilling the requirements ative of the requirement that must first be met. Please be assured that the Review Board will do whatever is necessary to assist the Department of Justice in meeting these requirements.

With respect to the Department of Justice's concern that all reasonable attempts have bene made to obtain the documents from alternative sources, the Review Board refers your attention to the Review Board's May 21, 1998 Memorandum prepared by T. Jeremy Gunn for Leslie Batchelor, Acting Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General. This memorandum sets forth in detail the efforts of the Review Board to obtain these KGB records from alternative sources. In the event you require amplification of this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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1. Describe the Review Board's efforts to obtain the KGB documents

1. The Review Board has attempted, unsuccessfully, to obtain the recrods from the Government of Belarus. Two Board members and the former Executive Director traveled to Belarus on October 29-30, 1996, and made a direct request to the government to obtain a copies of all relevant files on Lee Harvey Oswald. Lawrence Schiler was able to gain access to these records in connection with his work on Oswald's Tale. The Review Board's request was denied. The State

Department has advised, unofficially, that it believes that the only way that the records might be obtained from Belarus is by the offering of a very substantial sum of money (in the six figures)

2. The Review Board has attempted to obtain these records from the Russian government through the Department of State, but has been told that the Russian government does not have a copy of the KGB files.

3. Mr. Mailer's book makes reference to these KGB records in numerous instances.
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2. What is contained within these documents that would make them "of substantial importance."