

August 28, 1997

Mr. Michael J. Ravnitzky
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St. Paul, Minnesota 55109-2829

Re: Freedom of Information Act Appeal

Dear Mr. Ravnitzky:

As Executive Director of the Assassination Records Review Board, I am the person responsible for deciding your July 21, 1997, appeal from Ronald Haron's response to your Freedom of Information Act request for the list of recipients of the Assassination Records Review Board's press releases.

From your July 21 letter, there appears to be a misunderstanding regarding the type of information that we store in our databases and the completeness of the information that we sent to you from our databases. Let me assure you that we provided you with *all* information in our databases that identifies the institutions that receive our press releases. Mr. Haron determined that we would not disclose the names or the fax numbers of the individuals at the institutions to whom we address the press releases. After considering your appeal, I have determined that we will release to you the fax numbers that we can identify as not being connected to *particular individuals*, many of whom may have a reasonable expectation that their names and identifying information will not be distributed either to other government agencies or to the public. We will not disclose the identities of particular citizens for privacy reasons pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6).

In the event that you are dissatisfied with the results of this appeal, judicial review is available to you in the United States District Court for the judicial district in which you reside or have your principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia, which is also where we searched for the records you seek.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

Enclosures