

March 25, 1996

Harold Weisberg
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Frederick, Maryland 21702

Re: Your Request for Deposition Transcripts of Drs. Humes and Boswell

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I have reviewed your March 17, 1996, letter in which you requested that the Review Board send you the deposition transcripts of Drs. Humes and Boswell.

The Review Board is eager to disclose these transcripts to you and to the American public. However, as you know, we are engaged in an ongoing inquiry to determine the location of additional records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. At the present time, we need to keep our leads confidential, although we will release the transcripts to you as soon as possible. We hope that the medical portion of our work will be complete by the end of the year.

Although we do anticipate that we will be able to send you the documents you request within the next nine months, the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") does provide an exemption for this material. The Review Board's transcripts of the depositions of Drs. Humes and Boswell were compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings. Therefore, the materials are exempt under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(A).

Again, we will send you the transcripts as soon as we complete the medical portion of our work. However, if you do consider this response to be a denial of your request under the FOIA, you have the right to appeal our determination within 30 days. Appeals should be addressed to David Marwell, Executive Director, Assassination Records Review Board, 600 E Street, N.W., 2nd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530.

Sincerely,

Laura Denk
Freedom of Information Act Officer