

October 10, 1996

BY FACSIMILE

Mr. Art Goldberg  
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901 E Street, NW, Room 1066  
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Re: Assassination Records Review Board Subpoena Request No. 7 (Carl W. Belcher)

Dear Art:

The Assassination Records Review Board wishes to withdraw at this time its October 8, 1996, letter in which it requested that the Department of Justice issue a subpoena duces tecum to Mr. Carl W. Belcher.

When the Review Board initially contacted Mr. Belcher, he was uncooperative and refused to consent to an interview about his involvement with the November 1966 deed of gift and inventory of President John F. Kennedy's autopsy photographs and x-rays. After the Review Board requested the Department of Justice to issue the above-referenced subpoena, Mr. Belcher changed his mind and agreed to speak to the Review Board without being compelled by a subpoena to do so.

If we encounter further resistance in scheduling Mr. Belcher's interview, we may need to renew our request for a subpoena, but we now anticipate that the interview will proceed without a subpoena.

Thank you for your continued assistance.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn

General Counsel