

January 2, 1997

Mr. Paul Garbler
6222 East Miramar Drive
Tucson, AZ 85715-3028

Dear Mr Garbler:

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 Michelle Combs mentioned in her telephone call last Tuesday, we would like very much to discuss your work experiences in Moscow from 1961-1964 with you, particularly as they may pertain to the USSR residence of Lee Harvey Oswald. We believe that your past in-depth knowledge of the Moscow Embassy and its procedures may assist the ARRB in our attempts to clarify the historical record in this area. I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of this letter to Mr. John Pereira, of the Historical Review Group, Center for the Study of Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C., 20505. To the extent that you feel discussing this subject with the Review Board would constitute disclosure of any information that is still classified, we would be happy to initiate a discussion between you and the appropriate officials at the CIA to address any concerns you may have.

One of our staff, Mr. Joseph Freeman, will be in Tucson and will be calling to arrange a mutually agreeable time for an interview with you in your home. Should you wish to

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contact us in response to this letter, please call (collect) for either Michelle Combs (a Senior Analyst on the CIA Records Team) or myself. We look forward to talking with you again.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn
General Counsel and
Associate Director for Research & Analysis

Enclosures

cc. John Pereira