

## Assassination Records Review Board

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*Dear :*

*The Assassination Records Review Board is an independent federal agency appointed by President Clinton to oversee the review and release of records related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The Board has begun reviewing records that the FBI, the CIA, and other federal agencies want to keep secret and will soon be making decisions on whether to release them now or postpone their release date.*

*The Review Board has the opportunity not only to make publicly available records that may clarify the facts surrounding the assassination, but also, along the way, the opportunity to reverse the current, disturbing phenomenon of public mistrust in our government and redefine the*

meaning of, and need for, secrecy in government.

The controversy surrounding the Kennedy assassination is unlikely to disappear even after the Board's challenging work is complete, but the task is to assure the American public that no information about the assassination is being hidden by the Federal government. In the process, we hope to see renewed confidence in government, and perhaps a way for government business to be conducted more effectively -- and more openly -- in the future.

I have enclosed for your background information a three-page fact sheet on the Assassination Records Review Board. The fact sheet includes brief sections on: the Review Board members; the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act; the law which created the Board; the authority of the Board; and the background and need for the law.

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If you are interested in having members of the Review Board participate in an academic conference sponsored by your organization, or if you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 724-0088, ext. 232.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell  
Executive Director

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