

August 12, 1997

Mr. John Cervase
423 Ridge Street
Newark, NJ 07104

Dear Mr. Cervase:

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 were 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. The Review Board members and staff are required by law to possess Top Secret and 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 information about the assassination. I am enclosing some explanatory material about the Review Board and its mandate.

As I explained in our telephone conversation on Friday, we are very interested in the material on Clay Shaw which you received from the Central Intelligence Agency in response to your Freedom of Information Act request. We would like to have copies of any material you may still have in your possession. These records may assist the ARRB in our attempts to clarify the historical record in this area.

As you requested, I will call on Thursday, August 21st to confirm whether you have been able to locate the Clay Shaw material. If it is more convenient for you, please do not hesitate to call (collect). I look forward to speaking with you again.

Sincerely,

Dr. K. Michelle Combs
Senior Analyst
CIA Records Team

Enclosures