

February 6, 1998

Dr. Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr.
171 East 64th Street
New York, New York 10021

Dear Dr. Schlesinger:

As you are probably aware, the Assassination Records Review Board is an independent federal agency that was created by the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (as amended). The Review Board's responsibility is to oversee the review and release of records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. I would like to take this opportunity to raise a couple of matters with you.

First, with your permission through the Kennedy Library staff, members of the Review Board have now examined your undeeded papers that relate to William Manchester's book *Death of a President* and four pages of your deeded diary entries related to the assassination that remain closed.

The Review Board would like to request that you authorize the public release of these materials and that you allow photocopies to be sent to The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection at the National Archives. Given the important position you held at the time of President Kennedy's death, and the role you have played in documenting the history of the Kennedys, it is the Board's belief that the public release of these documents would greatly enrich the historical record surrounding the assassination. (One of the conditions of our obtaining access to review your materials was that we were not permitted to make copies. However, Megan Desnoyers of the Library staff could provide you with copies and can be reached at 617-929-4540.)

On a second matter, I would like to request the opportunity to meet with you and discuss records and issues related to the Kennedy administration and to the assassination. I currently am planning to be in New York at a meeting at the United Nations on March 12-13, and I am hoping that you might be available for a meeting at some time between the 11th and 13th. If that is possible, I very much would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you.

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Thank you for your time and attention to these matters. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 724-0088, ext. 226, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. T. Jeremy Gunn

Executive Director

cc: Megan Desnoyers