

Assassination Records Review Board

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July 28, 1995

Mr. William J. Bratton
Commissioner of Police
Police Headquarters
One Police Plaza
New York, New York 10038

Dear Commissioner Bratton:

By way of introduction, the Assassination Records Review Board is an independent federal agency created to oversee the identification and release of records related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The Review Board was established by the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 (PL 102-526), and was signed into law by President George Bush. The law gives the Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB) the mandate and authority to identify, secure, and make available all records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. I am enclosing a copy of the act and some explanatory material.

The scope of the Review Board's mandate includes assassination-related records in the custody of federal agencies, local and state government entities, as well as those in the private sector. It is our understanding that in March 1978, then-Commissioner Robert J. McGuire had communications with Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, concerning Commissioner McGuire granting access to New York City Police Department files. I have enclosed a copy of that letter. Because it appears some New York Police Department records were reviewed by the House Select Committee, these records may well be considered assassination-related records under the statute. As a first step, I would appreciate your naming a point of contact within your organization who could meet with my staff to discuss this issue.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

Enclosures

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