

August 17, 1995

Mr. John F. Burns
Chief Archivist, State of California
1020 O Street
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Dear Mr. Burns:

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

The ARRB 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 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 April 1988 your office released a microfilm edition of the Los Angeles Police Department's file on its investigation of Robert F. Kennedy's assassination. Because the Los Angeles Police Department's investigation had some cross-over with aspects of the investigation of President Kennedy's assassination conducted by the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) in the late 1970s, the Los Angeles Police Department files may include assassination records covered by the JFK Records Act. The Review Board would like to include a set of the microfilmed records in the JFK Records Collection.

As a first step, I would appreciate your naming a point of contact in 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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