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Dear Mr. Daly :

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. In particular, the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) reviewed a number of files from the Chicago Police Department, Organized Crime and Intelligence Division, while the HSCA was investigating the assassination in 1978. In addition, it is very likely that other Illinois local or county law enforcement or public safety entities may have conducted assassination investigations, possibly in conjunction with President Kennedy's scheduled trip to Chicago in early November 1963. (This trip was canceled due to a threat assessment by the Secret Service.)

I will be in Springfield on Wednesday, October 18, and would like to meet with you to discuss the holdings of your Archives and any assassination-related records it houses. I will call you tomorrow morning (before I leave on an extended business trip) to make an appointment to see you on October 18, hopefully in the afternoon.

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation with this matter.

Sincerely,

Anne Buttimer, Esq.
Chief Investigator

Enclosures