

October 13, 1995

Mrs. Billie Jean Gurvich
792 West Lake View Drive
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810

Dear Mrs. Gurvich:

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. I know your late husband, William, played an important role in Jim Garrison's investigation of a possible assassination conspiracy in New Orleans. Any files that Mr. Gurvich created or collected during his work for Jim Garrison on the assassination investigation are therefore defined by Congress as assassination records.

As a first step, it would be helpful if you could review your late husband's files to determine if any of them came from the Garrison investigation. If you find assassination-related records, we hope you will consider joining other prominent citizens of Louisiana and donate the records to the John F. Kennedy Records Collection at the National Archives in Washington, D. C. The Archives will present you with a Deed of Gift in recognition and appreciation of your gift.

I understand from your mother that you have not been feeling well lately. I hope you are able to make a quick and full recovery. I will contact you in the near future to talk more about this. In the meantime, please feel free to call me at ext. 229 if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

Anne Buttimer, Esq.
Chief Investigator

Enclosures