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Dear Mr. Lopatkiewicz :

I am writing to follow up on our telephone conversation yesterday about the so called "Nix Film." As you may recall the film was taken by Orville Nix in Dealey Plaza on November 22, 1963 and depicts the scene of President Kennedy's assassination. During our discussion yesterday you posed a number of questions about the Review Board. I believe this letter and the information I've enclosed will answer many of your questions.

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. Assassination records may include but are not limited to photographs, films, all manner of written material and sound recordings.

Please contact me at extension 258 if you have any questions after you read the legislation and fact sheet. I will re-contact Mr. Shabanah in the next few days unless you advise us that you are representing UPI in this matter and want to be the contact person concerning the Nix film and other matters should they arise.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

David Montague, Investigator