

# Assassination Records Review Board

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Ms. Linda Matthews  
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Dear Ms. Matthews:

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 understand your collection includes Theodore Draper's papers, compiled in the course of his historical studies of the American Communist Party. I believe his papers provide information needed by the Review Board in its Congressionally mandated search for assassination related records, and I would like my staff to have access to his papers for purposes of developing that information. 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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