

November 14, 1995

Ms. Susan C. Partyka
2712 McCams Avenue
Kensington, Maryland 20895

Dear Ms. Partyka:

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me by telephone this morning. 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. As you are aware, for many years Mr. Richard Case Nagell stated publicly that he possessed assassination-related records. I understand that your sister, Dale, was a friend of Mr. Nagell's and that he may have told her about some of these records, their content, and, possibly, where he had them stored. I would like either myself or one of my colleagues to speak with your sister, initially by telephone and, if appropriate, later in person to discuss any information she may be able to provide about the location of such records.

As I told you this morning, we in no way want to invade the privacy of the relationship your sister and Mr. Nagell shared. We are asking for her time and cooperation in providing any information she may have, however seemingly tangential, that will assist us in fulfilling our Congressional mandate of locating and preserving all assassination-related records.

Thank you for your time and for sharing this information with Dale. I hope either of you will feel free to call me at ext. 229 this week, or Tom Samoluk (ext. 227) or Jeremy Gunn (ext. 226) next week if either of you have any questions. I look forward to speaking with Dale soon.

Sincerely,

Anne Buttimer, Esq.
Chief Investigator

Enclosures