

# Assassination Records Review Board

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Dear Ms. Patton:

I have before me Roger H. Bickel's June 28 letter concerning the Review Board's request for assassination records relevant to the Illinois Legislative Investigating Commission (ILIC). The Assassination Records Review Board is an independent federal agency created to oversee the identification and release of records related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The Review Board 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 Assassination Records Review Board (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 the private sector. It is our understanding your office has records (documents, photographs, tape recordings, transcripts, etc.) from the former Illinois Legislative Investigating Commission. Specifically, I am referring to ILIC records that were reviewed in 1978 by staff from the then-House Select Committee on Assassinations. Most, if not all, ILIC

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files that were reviewed concerned alleged organized crime figures. It appears the HSCA staff reviewed at least 26 different organized crime figure files on May 23 and May 25, 1978. Thomas R. Hampson, ILIC's Senior Investigator, met with the HSCA staff.

I understand from Mr. Bickel's letter that these records were placed in the custody of the State Auditor General in 1984. These records may well be considered assassination-related records under the statute. I would appreciate you or a member of your staff responding to Anne Buttimer, the Review Board's Chief Investigator, concerning this inquiry for records.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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