

January 17, 1996

Mr. Kenneth Schleslinger  
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Dear Mr. Schleslinger:

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. Established by the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 (PL 102-526) which was signed into law by President George Bush, the ARRB has the mandate and authority to identify, secure, and make available all records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. Enclosed is 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.

We believe that Time Incorporated may have assassination-related records concerning the so-called Zapruder film, which had been purchased by Time Life shortly after the assassination. We are interested in any records that relate to the Zapruder film (its acquisition, storage, use, and eventual return to the Zapruder family). In addition, we would like any information concerning the May 15, 1973 evaluation of the film by George Karas, Herb Orth, and L. Owens. I am enclosing a photocopy of a note concerning this evaluation found in the film's storage can during a recent examination at the National Archives. We would welcome any assistance you can provide in helping us locate the above-mentioned individuals who conducted the evaluation.

Please do not hesitate to call me at Ext. 258 if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your assistance in our effort to locate records. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

David R. Montague  
Investigator

Enclosures