

Assassination Records Review Board

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Dear Marvin:

On behalf of Jack Tunheim and the Review Board, I would like to thank you for the time you spent with us last Thursday explaining your position on implementation of the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act.

We agree with your inclination that a meeting among the various agencies is probably not necessary. Accordingly, in our initial letters to the agencies that report on the results of the Review Board's decisions, we anticipate including language such as the following to explain the procedures you described:

We have spoken with Mr. Marvin Krislov, Associate Counsel to the President, who is the person at the White House responsible for handling agency appeals of the Review Board's decisions. It is our understanding from Mr. Krislov that if an agency seeks to appeal a Review Board decision on a particular record, it must notify him within seven days of the time the agency receives notice of the decisions from the Review Board. Mr. Krislov anticipates that agencies will appeal a Board decision on a record solely when the agency believes that there is a serious issue that must be drawn to the President's attention. Finally, Mr. Krislov anticipates that the President will make his decisions within the statutorily mandated thirty-day period.

Although we have attempted to convey the thrust of your message, we would very much appreciate receiving any suggestions or modifications to this language that you think appropriate. Although we informally will notify the Central Intelligence Agency this week of the Board's initial decisions, we

will be sending our official notification
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including a variation on the language cited above) early next week. If we do not hear from you by Friday of this week, we will assume that the language above reasonably conveys your position and that we can forward it to the agencies.

I would like to make one additional request. We would like to know whether it might be possible to establish a more-or-less formal arrangement whereby the Review Board will have the President's authorization to release records to the Archives at the end of the President's thirty-day review period unless the President has specifically decided to reverse the Board's decision. Implementation of such a procedure would greatly facilitate the Board's actions by economizing space and establishing an efficient mechanism for forwarding documents to the National Archives. Please let us know how we might proceed in working out such an arrangement.

Again, let me extend our appreciation for your time and your interest in ensuring that the JFK Act is properly and efficiently implemented.

Sincerely yours,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

cc: John R. Tunheim
Chairman

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