

Assassination Records Review Board

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The Honorable Harry F. Connick
District Attorney of New Orleans
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Dear District Attorney Connick:

On behalf of the Assassination Records Review Board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for agreeing to testify at our public hearing in New Orleans on Wednesday, June 28, 1995 and for giving us access to the Garrison assassination records which remain in your office. Your presence at the hearing will greatly enhance interest in the Board's efforts and our credibility as we seek to identify, secure, and make available to the American public all records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. The Garrison records will add significantly to the completeness of the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection.

The public hearing will be conducted at the Old U.S. Mint Building, located at 400 Esplanade Avenue, and will begin at 10:00 a.m. Because the Board

will hear from you and other witnesses as one of the first items on the agenda, we ask that you arrive at 9:45 a.m., if possible. After introductory remarks by Mr. John R. Tunheim, Chair of the Review Board, witnesses will be called to testify.

Per your previous conversations with Mr. Thomas Samoluk of the Review Board staff, it would be of great assistance to us if, during your testimony, you stated your support of the Board's efforts and the importance of preserving the historical record of the assassination. In addition, it would be useful if you stated that you have given the Review Board access to the assassination records from the Garrison investigation and the Clay Shaw prosecution, to be made part of the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection. A brief description of the records and their history would also be helpful.

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The Board would also like to extend to you the opportunity to submit a prepared written statement that would be made available on the day of the hearing and would become part of the permanent record of the public hearing. If you choose to provide us with a written statement, it would be helpful for us to receive it by Monday, June 26, 1995.

As previously mentioned in Mr. Samoluk's June 15, 1995 letter to First Assistant District Attorney Camille Buras, Review Board staff members will be in New Orleans on Monday, June 26th. This would be an excellent opportunity for us to review the Garrison files in your office. I would appreciate being able to schedule this visit by Wednesday of this week, and, if possible, determine whether the Review Board will be able to obtain

original documents from the Garrison files or if we should make arrangements to copy documents.

Again, the members of the Review Board thank you for all of your cooperation. We look forward to having you testify at our public hearing on June 28th in New Orleans. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any comments or questions prior to the hearing.

Sincerely,

*David G. Marwell
Executive Director*