

December 4, 1995

Mr. Charles King  
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Dear Mr. King:

Thank you for your letter of November 22, 1995, to Mr. David Marwell, Executive Director of the Assassination Records Review Board. Mr. Marwell has asked me to respond to your letter.

The Assassination Records Review Board is an independent federal agency, created to exist with appointed members who have no involvement in any prior investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. Staff members are also precluded from having any involvement with past investigations. The law was written in this manner in an effort to assure the public that the Board's mandate to oversee the review and release of assassination records would be carried out with complete independence from any federal agencies.

The American public's confidence will ultimately be earned by the Review Board through its performance. The Board has been making its decisions based on the facts and the law, and will continue to do so in the future.

Again, thank you for your letter. We appreciate your taking the time to convey your thoughts. I have taken the liberty of adding your name to our mailing list to ensure that you are kept apprised of the Review Board's work.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Samoluk, Esq.  
Associate Director for Communications