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Mr. David Lifton
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Dear Mr. Lifton:

This is in response to your faxed letter of Thursday, December 7, 1995, regarding the availability of records released by the Review Board.

First, the Review Board has been making records which it has voted to release available to the public.

We have been able to accommodate those who requested documents directly from the Review Board because the necessary reproduction was within our means. However, with the dramatic increase in the number of records which the Board is now reviewing at each meeting (over 400 at the October meeting), we will no longer be able to provide the records directly to the public. We provided this service as a courtesy for as long as we could, given our limited staff resources. If there are any documents which you do not have and which you would like to acquire, through the September Board meeting, I would be glad to send them directly to you.

Second, the December 1, 1995 Review Board notice to which you referred in your letter was to announce that the Board had voted to release these 153 CIA, FBI, and HSCA documents, not that they were released. Assuming that the President does not disagree with the Board determinations, these records will be available shortly after the expiration of the 30 day period which he has to decide under the JFK Act. However, as noted above, these records will have to be acquired through the National Archives when they do become available.

Thank you for your interest in the work of the Review Board. I hope that this letter answers your questions.

Sincerely,

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