

July 11, 1996

Mr. Corey Cooper
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Dear Mr. Cooper:

Thank you for taking the time to discuss your father's film on the telephone yesterday. As I mentioned, in retrospect I certainly wish that we had the opportunity to speak before all of the media attention on the film. However, it is extremely helpful to the Review Board for me to have now spoken to you about the original film.

Per our conversation, I would like to take this opportunity to give you more information about the Assassination Records Review Board, an independent federal agency created by The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 (PL 102-526) to oversee the review and release of records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. President Bush signed the law that created the Board and President Clinton appointed the five members of the Board in April 1994. I have enclosed an information packet on the Review Board for your review.

An important part of the Review Board's mandate, as articulated by the United States Congress, is to compile at the National Archives as complete a record of the assassination as possible. The Congress clearly stated that the Review Board was to search beyond the records of previous governmental investigations and seek relevant assassination records that are in private hands.

As you are aware, the film collected by your father has prompted this letter. Any photograph or film of the assassination or related events constitutes an important part of the assassination record. The Review Board would like to further discuss with you the possibility of making the film part of the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection. It constitutes an important part of the historical record and would be an extraordinary contribution to the Collection in your father's name that would be properly preserved and kept under secure conditions at the National Archives.

We hope you will review the materials on the Board as you consider what to do with the film. The members of the Board believe that you should be completely comfortable with your decision.

Again, thank you for your time and consideration. As we discussed, I will call you next week, after you have had an opportunity to review the enclosed material on the Review Board. Please do not hesitate to call me at (202) 724-0088, ext. 227, if you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Samoluk
Associate Director

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