

Ms. Toni Elliott
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Dear Ms. Elliott:

Thank you for your March 29, 1996 letter to Chairman John Tunheim regarding your support for the release of all of the records on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Chairman Tunheim asked me to respond to you on his behalf.

The Assassination Records Review Board was created as an independent federal agency to oversee the review and release of records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. During the last year, the Board has voted to release nearly 1,300 records. In addition, the FBI and the CIA have released another 1,200 during this time based on the standards set by the Review Board.

As demonstrated by their work, the members of the Review Board wholeheartedly agree with your opinion that the records related to the assassination of President Kennedy should be available to the American public. Many of them already are available at the National Archives and the Board is working hard to ensure that the rest are made public in the next two years.

In regard to your question about New Orleans District Attorney Harry Connick, Sr., the Review Board is working with him to make arrangements for the transfer of former District Attorney Jim Garrison's files.

Again, thank you for your interest in the work of the Review Board. I have enclosed a brochure about the Review Board and have taken the liberty of adding your name to our mailing list to ensure that you are kept up to date on the Board's work.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Samoluk, Esq.
Associate Director

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