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Dear Professor Liebeler:

Thank you for returning my telephone calls and for taking the time to talk today about the Assassination Records Review Board and our upcoming public hearing in Los Angeles on Tuesday, September 17, 1996.

I would like to take this opportunity to further introduce you to 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. As you may be aware, President Bush signed the Act into law and President Clinton appointed the five members of the Board in April 1994. Per our conversation, I have enclosed an information packet on the Board for your review.

As I mentioned on the telephone, the intent of my call was to extend an invitation to you on behalf of the Review Board to testify at the public hearing in Los Angeles. We thought that testimony regarding your service on the staff of the Warren Commission might provide the Review Board and the public with an opportunity to hear how the Board could enrich the historical record surrounding the assassination. The Review Board has reached out to many knowledgeable parties and already heard testimony at public hearings conducted in Washington, Dallas, Boston and New Orleans. Consistent with the desires articulated by the Congress, the hearings have proven to be an important vehicle for the Review Board to gather information and allow the public to see the Board at work.

The manuscript that you described to me on the telephone is of interest to the Review Board. It sound like it would be a worthy addition to the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection at the National Archives. If you decide that you want to donate it to the Collection, and arrangements can be made for you to join us in Los Angeles, this would be an appropriate part of your

presentation. I have already had a conversation with Executive Director David Marwell regarding the possibility of the Board financing a trip for you to testify at our hearing in Los Angeles. It is definitely something that we would seriously consider doing, after additional discussion with you about your availability and willingness to appear before the Review Board.

Thank you for your time and cooperation. The members of the Review Board appreciate your consideration and hope that you will be able to appear at the hearing on September 17th. Please call me at (202) 724-0088, ext. 232, if you would like more detailed information about the Board or the public hearing. I look forward to talking to you again in the near future regarding the manuscript and the public hearing.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Samoluk
Associate Director

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