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Dear Ms. Sall:

Please consider this letter a written request for two staff members of the Assassination Records Review Board, Executive Director David Marwell and Associate Director Thomas Samoluk, to review the Dallas Morning News photographic files related to the assassination of President Kennedy. We were hoping to be able to review these files during our visit to Dallas on Tuesday, April 30th or Wednesday, May 1st.

As you are aware from our previous correspondence, the Assassination Records Review Board is 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 Clinton appointed the five members of the Board in April 1994. I am enclosing a fact sheet on the Review Board for your information.

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 United States 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.

Photographs or films of the motorcade or related events constitute an important part of the

assassination record. The Review Board is interested in reviewing photographs that may be relevant to the record of the assassination which we are compiling as part of our mandate. The Review Board is not making a request for copies at this time. Our goal is simply to determine what photographs exist that may be relevant to the historical record.

Please call me at (202) 724-0088, ext. 227, to advise me if we will be able to review your photographic files next week.

Thank you for returning my call today and for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Samoluk, Esq.
Associate Director