

October 31, 1997

The Honorable Fred Thompson  
Chairman  
Committee on Governmental Affairs  
United States Senate  
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with a brief update regarding the status of the original Zapruder film, a matter that the Board addressed at a public hearing and a public meeting earlier this year.

On April 24, 1997, consistent with The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, the Assassination Records Review Board voted unanimously to direct that the original 8 mm Zapruder film be transferred on August 1, 1998 to The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection at the National Archives and Records Administration. Since that time, the Department of Justice has handled the matter and the Review Board has not been directly involved.

Mr. Kirk T. Manhardt, Assistant Director of the Commercial Litigation Branch, has been involved in negotiations with the Zapruder family and their legal representatives. The Board is unaware of any significant developments resulting from those negotiations to date.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to keep you informed on this matter.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn

Executive Director