

January 21, 1998

Dr. Arthur Schlesinger

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Dear Dr. Schlesinger:

As I know you are aware, 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. I would like to take this opportunity to raise a matter regarding materials that you have donated to the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library.

In March 1995, with your prior permission through the Library staff, the members of the Review Board examined your undeed papers that relate to William Manchester's book Death of a President and four pages of diary entries that you wrote after the assassination that are deeded, but closed. A Board staff member recently reviewed the materials again at the Library.

The Review Board would like to request that you authorize the release of these materials. It is the Board's belief that their public release would enrich the historical record surrounding the assassination.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 724-0088, ext. 226, if you have any questions. One of the conditions of the Board being granted permission to review your materials was that we could not make copies. However, Megan Desnoyers of the Library staff could provide you with copies and can be reached at (617) 929-4540.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn
Executive Director