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Honorable John R. Tunheim
Chairman,
Assassinations Records Review Board
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Dear Judge Tunheim,

I have been a serious student of the John F. Kennedy assassination since early 1975. Throughout the late '70's and early '80's I worked periodically assisting Mary Ferrell of Dallas, Texas in her research efforts. Mary and I remain close friends and I still occasionally assist her.

I wanted to address you about a matter that is of very great concern to me. In reading the recent press releases that the ARRB sends to me, I noticed that the Dallas doctors have not been deposed under oath. Are there plans to do this? I consider this action to be of the highest priority in assisting to resolve the most fundamental area of this case (or of any murder investigation)--namely, the condition of the body. As you doubtless know, there is a tremendous conflict in the record as it now exists between the descriptions given by Dallas medical personnel and those on record from the Bethesda medical personnel.

This conflict should be resolved, but if that is outside your mission then depositions at least would give the Dallas observations the gravity of sworn oaths so that future historians might better rely upon the data.

There remains sufficient time to permit this deposing. Please consider this as a gift to history, that possibly only your action at this time may permit.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Chapman