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About a month ago, I wrote to Dan Burton, chairman of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee urging them to support legislation for the extension of the Review Board. I received the following response on April 17, 1997 which I am reproducing below for your interest:

Dear Mr. Stevens:  
Thank you for writing.... {etc.}

As Chairman of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee, I am deeply committed to accountability on the part of the government. Toward that end, I understand the importance of the Assassination Records Review Board's mission, and I believe that the Review Board should have the opportunity to complete its works in a thorough and professional manner.

Like you, I believe that it is very important to have an orderly and objective process by which the records related to the Kennedy assassination are reviewed and made available to the public. The Government Reform and Oversight Committee is currently reviewing the Assassination Records Review Board's request for legislation to extend its authorization to operate for one additional year. Although other pressing budget priorities and the need for deficit reduction will make it a challenge for the committee to authorize new spending for the upcoming fiscal year, I am hopeful that within these budgetary constraints, the committee can find a solution that will enable the Review Board to fulfill its responsibilities.

If there is anything more that I can do to be of assistance with respect to the Assassination Records Review Board or any matter under the jurisdiction of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee, please do not hesitate to write or call.

Sincerely,

/s/  
Dan Burton  
Chairman

{Jan Stevens}