

June 11, 1997

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Chairman, National Security, International Affairs
and Criminal Justice Subcommittee,
House Government Reform and
Oversight Committee
2241 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the Assassination Records Review Board, I would like to thank you for conducting a hearing on H.R. 1553, which would extend the Review Board for one final year. The hearing on June 4, 1997 was an important opportunity for me to describe the Board's accomplishments to date and explain what our focus would be in an additional year of operation.

Please be assured that I recognized and greatly appreciated the interest that you and the other members of the Subcommittee in attendance took in the Board and our work during the hearing. It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to respond to the very thoughtful questions that were asked. The Board was honored that the Subcommittee reported H.R. 1553 immediately following the hearing.

Again, thank you for the time and interest that you have taken in the work of the Review Board. It has been a pleasure working with you, your excellent staff and the other members of the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,

John R. Tunheim
Chair