

March 11, 1997

Ms. Barbara A. Retzlaff
Treasury, General Government, and Civil Service
Appropriation Subcommittee
United States Senate
196 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ms. Retzlaff:

Thank you for taking the time today to discuss the future of the Assassination Records Review Board.

Per our telephone conversation, I am enclosing a copy of our FY 1996 Annual Report and a six page summary and budget justification. One more year of operation is critical to the Review Board. It will allow the Board to complete the review and release of the important CIA and FBI records that were requested of those agencies by the House Select Committee on Assassinations during its investigation.

As I mentioned, we have been in communication with the White House, the Office of Management and Budget, Senate Governmental Affairs Committee staff, Senator Specter's office, and Senator Glenn's office, as well as Tammy Perrin from the majority staff of your Subcommittee, regarding the Board's need for an extension through FY 1998. I will keep you advised of what we hear from these offices.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 724-0088, if you have any questions or need additional information.

Again, thank you for your time and interest in the Review Board.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Samoluk
Associate Director