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The Honorable Louis Stokes  
United States House of Representatives  
2365 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Stokes:

On behalf of the Assassination Records Review Board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for co-sponsoring H.R. 1553, to extend the Review Board for one final year, and for testifying in support of the bill at the National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice Subcommittee hearing last week. Your longstanding support for the Review Board and leadership on the release of the Kennedy assassination records has been crucial to our success and is much appreciated. Please be assured that the members of the Review Board are aware of the many demands on your busy schedule. As demonstrated by the positive reaction from the Subcommittee members to your testimony, your presence and testimony at the hearing was an important factor in the Subcommittee reporting the bill immediately following the hearing.

Again, thank you for all that you have done in support of the Review Board. It has been an honor and a pleasure to work with you. In addition, Ms. Joyce Larkin has been extremely helpful at each phase of the legislative process, absolutely responsive to every request for assistance or advice and a model professional staff person for a federal agency to have as a contact.

Sincerely,

John R. Tunheim  
Chair