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Mr. Oliver Stone
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Dear Mr. Stone:

I wanted to take this opportunity to write to you as a follow-up to your recent exchange of correspondence with Executive Director David Marwell. On behalf of the entire Board, I want to express my appreciation to you for your continuing interest in the work of the Assassination Records Review Board.

We are about to begin our last year, having received the extension that we sought when President Clinton signed the law keeping us in operation until September 30, 1998. The Board and staff are enthusiastic and confident about fulfilling our mandate. During this last year, the support and encouragement that we have received from you and other interested parties in the past will be more important than ever.

As you may be aware, the Review Board is continuing to review and publicly release assassination records held by federal agencies, primarily the FBI and CIA. Over 3.7 million pages have now been released, with very few redactions. Recently, the Board released the first group of National Security Agency (NSA) records. The release received a lot of interest from the public, the media and the historical community. These NSA records had never been seen by the public and shed new light on how the United States and other countries reacted to the assassination of President Kennedy.

The Board's search for assassination records held by private parties is also continuing. We were fortunate to have recently obtained the personal papers of Clay Shaw, including a diary that he kept. These papers will be sent to the National Archives and Records Administration and made a part of The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection by the end of September. We are confident that they will add an important dimension to the New Orleans chapter of the assassination story.

I wanted to provide you with a brief update on the work of the Review Board. You have played a crucial role in making the history of the assassination of President Kennedy available to the American public. Your continuing interest in the work of the Review Board, as well as the interest of many others, including Eric Hamburg of your staff who testified so eloquently in your absence at our Los Angeles public hearing, has helped to make the JFK Act a success. We assure you that we will continue to make every effort within our power to further enrich the historical record of the assassination.

Again, thank you so much for your ongoing interest in our work. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any comments, questions, suggestions or ideas as we begin our last year of operation.

Sincerely,

John R. Tunheim
Chair