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Mr. Harold Weisberg

Frederick, Maryland

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

In an effort to fulfill our mandate to bring to light all assassination related documents, the ARRB staff has undertaken several collateral inquiries in an effort to carry out our duties in a holistic manner. First, our staff is compiling a guide to the known forensics evidence, including verification of the chain of custody and present location of items such as the bullet fragments from the presidential limousine and the clothing worn by Lee Harvey Oswald at his arrest. While the majority of these items are in the JFK collection at the National Archives, our agency will identify those documents related to the authenticity of these items. We are focusing primarily on the items featured in the Warren Commission and House Select Committee on Assassination investigations. We are, of course, amenable to including any forensic evidence that may have escaped notice of these investigations. We would appreciate any suggestions which would enhance this project .

Second, the ARRB has taken an aggressive approach to locating all original medical documents. We are actively seeking any materials which may still be in private hands from the procedures conducted at Parkland Hospital and Bethesda Naval Hospital. Fortunately, many of the most important original records were already in the National Archives' custody.

We appreciate your comments on our progress. You remind the members of the Board and the staff of the importance of our mission to members of the public like yourself.

Sincerely,