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Dear Members of the Nominating Committee:

As Executive Director of the Assassination Records Review Board, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my wholehearted support of Ms. Amy M. Trauernicht to be a recipient of a Lancer Scholarship. The Review Board had the benefit of Ms. Trauernicht's presence and hard work in our offices in 1996 and 1997 during two internships that she completed in an exemplary manner. Her understanding of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and appreciation of it as a major event in the history of the United States greatly impressed me and makes her an ideal candidate for a Lancer Scholarship.

During Amy's internships with the Review Board, she accepted important responsibilities and completed several projects related to the organization of information in our database. One assignment had to do with the compilation of a media data base that would serve as the foundation for our media communications. As a public agency devoted to the public release of government records, this data base serves as an important vehicle for the dissemination of information on our work. Another project on which Amy worked was the organization and entry of data in our FBI database. The Review Board is responsible for the processing of thousands of FBI documents, making the proper organization of the database a critical component of the tracking, review and release of documents. Amy demonstrated a commitment to her work and professionalism that should serve as a model for other students who do internships with public agencies.

I would also like to take this opportunity to note that Amy played an important role during the Review Board's successful effort to obtain a one year extension to complete its work. She actively participated in a meeting with Congressman Dan Burton, the Chairman of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee that has jurisdiction over the Review Board. Amy eloquently