

Assassination Records Review Board

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June 12, 1995

*Mr. Joseph Backes
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Dear Mr. Backes:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated May 26, 1995 and June 1, 1995 and addressed to Mr. Tunheim, as well as your June 1, 1995 letter addressed to me. The contents of all of your letters are being carefully reviewed.

With regard to some specific matters which you raised:

First, you should have received the announcement of a public hearing in New Orleans on June 28, 1995. A witness list will be sent out when we have finalized it.

Second, we do not have a transcript of the May 16, 1995 experts meeting.

A working list of documents mentioned at the meeting was made, but is not being distributed at this time, as we seek to follow various leads and suggestions that were made during the course of the meeting. For your information, I have enclosed a copy of the agenda which formed the basis of discussions at the meeting. No specific plans have been made at this time for the next experts meeting, but it remains an open issue which the Board

will further consider, as well as who might be invited to attend such a meeting and could contribute in a positive and productive manner.

Third, we are actively working with the Government Printing Office on the printing of our materials. Your suggested corrections are being used as part of the process to correct spelling and other transcribing errors in the transcripts for eventual final printing. We have made the transcripts available to researchers as soon as we received them from the transcriber, unedited, in an effort to keep people apprised of the Board activities. This is clearly a different approach than has been taken by prior investigations. We hoped that interested parties would understand that the sacrifice in making these transcripts immediately available in this form is that there will be some mistakes. Most researchers have appreciated the availability of the hearing and meeting transcripts and like not having to wait until the Board concludes all of its work to receive them.

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Fourth, as I previously stated, submissions from the November 18, 1994 hearing in Dallas will be included in the final publication on this hearing, but are not available now because of the difficulty in adequately copying many of the attachments which are to be part of the permanent hearing record.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the work of the Review Board and in particular for your diligence in assisting us with the public hearing and meeting transcripts.

Sincerely,

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