

Assassination Records Review Board

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June 15, 1995

*Mr. Joseph Backes
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Dear Mr. Backes:

This is in response to your letter of June 14, 1995 regarding the status of several recent correspondence that you sent to the Review Board, as well as a number of new matters.

First, you should have already received a letter acknowledging all of your recent correspondence.

Second, the May 18, 1995 Review Board was a closed meeting to review classified CIA documents. Because classified materials were the subject of the meeting, I am unable to provide additional information.

Representatives of no federal agencies attended this meeting, although a briefing with officials from the CIA preceded the Board's closed meeting.

Third, the June 7, 1995 Review Board meeting was also a closed meeting where the Board again reviewed classified CIA documents. The Board actually voted unanimously to release in full sixteen CIA documents. On or

by June 21, 1995, notification of the Board's determinations will be published in the Federal Register. Copies of this notice will be sent to you and other individuals on our mailing list.

Fourth, the list of witnesses for New Orleans is not finalized yet. You will be provided with a listing when it is in final form. We have been in touch with several former members of Jim Garrison's staff.

Fifth, issues related to the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library, including matters which you have raised, have received the preliminary attention of the Review Board in connection with the Board's March 1995 meeting at the Library. Additional resources and attention to these issues will follow in the coming months.

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As always, thank you for your input and interest in the work of Review Board.

Sincerely,

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