

Assassination Records Review Board

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*Ms. Camille G. Buras
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Dear Ms. Buras:

As I know you are aware, the Review Board is anxious to resolve the outstanding issues which we discussed when I was in New Orleans. First, we need to resolve the Review Board's access to the records from the Garrison investigation which remain in your office. Second, as June 28th is quickly approaching, we need to know whether or not District Attorney Connick, or perhaps you as a surrogate, will testify at the public hearing, assuming we have reached agreement on our access to the records.

For your information, and assuming that our access to the records is still being discussed internally at your office, I have attached two documents

from the files of the House Select Committee on Assassination which indicate that two Committee staff members visited your office in April 1978 and had access to the five file drawers, with the exception of grand jury materials. Please note that they indexed the files, copied some records, and when there were duplicates, they were allowed to take those records with them. This information would seem to be important because: (1) there is precedent for access to the files and (2) Sec. 3 of the JFK Record Assassination Records Collection Act (excerpt attached) makes the records relevant to the Board's task. I hope this information is helpful as you consider this matter.

As media advisories have to go out by tomorrow, it would be very useful to talk on the telephone today and resolve the outstanding issues regarding our access to the files and

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whether or not someone from your office will appear at the public hearing. Staff members from the Review Board will be in New Orleans for a few days prior to the public hearing on June 28th. If convenient for you, that would be an excellent opportunity for us to review the files.

If you are able to call me today and I am away from my desk, please leave a voice message indicating the best time to call you back. I look forward to talking to you and appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*Thomas E. Samoluk, Esq.
Associate Director*

attachments