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Dear Mr. Marwell:

If you will recall, I briefly spoke with you at the "COPA" conference held in Washington, DC this past October.

At that time I had made a suggestion regarding the implementation of the Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 which you said you would consider.

My suggestion was this: I noted that there was no mechanism provided for within the act to consider inquiries, requests and follow-up procedures after the Review Board was terminated.

I called to your attention that after the Warren Commission fulfilled its function in 1964, their records were turned over to the National Archives but there was no agency or body to reply to inquiries regarding the Warren Report other than the archivist. Thus, those originally involved in the pursuit of their investigation could no longer properly answer questions.

My reading of the Collection Act (1992) indicates that *the same* procedure would be followed as was the case after the Warren Commission was disbanded. Section 7 which covers the termination of the Review Board states that all the records would be transferred to the (National) Archivist.

I believe that this procedure would not adequately serve the interests of the American public nor satisfy those scholars and researchers who seek to record the truth about an historic event. I urge, therefore, that the Review Board consider strongly some means of having an agency formed *after* the Review Board's termination and that this agency would have the sole responsibility of replying to all inquiries regarding matters the Review Board undertook.

Respectfully yours,

Hal Verb