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Dear Sylvia:

Before leaving for a once-in-a-lifetime, Jules Vernes sabbatical, round-the-world tour, I wanted to apprise you of the actual establishment of an Assassination Archives and Research Center. Many of us have thought about a single repository for major collections of assassinations materials for a number of years. We have tried to get various universities not only to house us but also to finance us . . . with no luck. Hence, a do-it-yourself operation.

Hopefully, we not only can attract most of the major collections but also we can arrange them into a usable form and make them available to the public, especially to future historians. Even if we personally cannot "solve" the major mysteries, we can preserve the research materials for the use of others.

At the first meeting of the Board of Directors on July 31st, we decided to locate in the greater Washington area. Physical premises should be leased by year's end, and the collection process will begin. The members of the Board of Directors for 1984-1985 are:

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We are glad to report that for 1984 we are adequately financed. We have applied for and expect to receive a tax exemption.

As we get a little better organized, we will be writing you further about a possible membership in the AARC. Meanwhile, it would be appreciated if you would give some thought to the donation of assassination books, records, etc., to the AARC now or in the future.

With every best wish,



Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.