

ASSASSINATION ARCHIVES AND RESEARCH CENTER

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Mr. Harold Weisberg
Route 12
Frederick, Maryland

Dear Harold:

Well, the AARC is alive and well in Washington, D.C. We have done what we should have done too many years ago, i.e., establish a physical permanent center for the study of assassinations.

We have taken a five-room suite at 918 F Street, N.W., in the heart of downtown D.C. We are two blocks from the National Archives, and just behind the FBI Building (and its Reading Room). Some day we hope to find the funding necessary to buy a townhouse for a permanent residence but what we have will do nicely for now. And we hope that you will come and visit us in the near future. Our collection contains books, government documents, research files, unpublished manuscripts, photos, and films, magazine articles, bibliographies, tapes, etc. We know that researchers will make considerable use of these materials.

The AARC is a non-profit corporation and has been granted a "501(c)(3)" tax exemption by the IRS as an educational institution. Hence, gifts to the AARC are tax deductible; our tax exempt number is 52-1354369.

Our Board of Directors for 1985 are:

Mark Allen, Washington, D.C.
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Mary Ferrell, Dallas, Texas
Jack Gordon, South Bend, Indiana
Paul Hoch, Berkeley, California
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Jim Lesar, Washington, D.C.
Phil Melanson, Marion, Massachusetts
Gary Shaw, Cleburne, Texas

Our materials and facilities are available, free of charge, to all serious researchers and scholars, whether members or not.

As someone interested in the study of assassinations, there are a number of things which you can do to assist us in getting off to a good start.

1. You can become a Charter Member of the AARC. Our Charter provides for the following classes of membership:

Regular Membership	\$ 25.00 annual dues
Patron's Membership	\$1,000.00 annual dues
Life Membership	\$5,000.00 one time contribution

A membership form is enclosed. We most earnestly hope that you will fill it out and return it to us. Don't forget that your annual dues are tax exempt.

As a member, you will be able to borrow books and documents, and you will be solicited for your views as to the management of the AARC.

2. You can send us a one-time, initial gift. Our capitalization is very meager, and we would greatly appreciate as much as you can spare as a start-up contribution. This will be tax deductible in 1985.
3. You can send us a donation of assassinations materials, such as books, research files, documents, photos, etc. We are starting with more than a thousand books and about twenty file cabinets of materials; these are donations from various individuals, CTIA, and AIB. However, as a research center, it will be helpful to have duplicates of all of the materials. If there are any items which you can spare from your library (or attic or basement), please send them to us by mail, freight, or United Parcel. If you so request, we will reimburse you for the cost of shipping. Also, we will gladly inventory and appraise the materials for your tax deduction on such a current gift.
4. You can leave us the remainder of your collection in your Will. It is a terrible waste, when a researcher dies, to have his or her entire collection either thrown away or given to some person or institution that cannot make any real use of it. This has happened several times in recent years; it will happen more frequently in the future. Therefore, we ask you to amend your Will or attach to it a Codicil, leaving your whole collection to the AARC, where excellent use will be made of it. A draft Codicil is enclosed for your use; if you execute it . . . and we hope that you will . . . please send us a Xerox copy for our files.
5. You can send us a copy of your address list of persons interested in assassinations. This will enable us to compile a complete and current master list for use in soliciting members and gifts. We will be glad to send you a copy of this master list when completed.
6. The AARC will have a Board of Advisors, as well as a Board of Directors. The Advisors are to lend their names, prestige, and advice to our endeavors. We solicit from you suggestions of names of outstanding researchers and/or writers who, you believe, should be asked to serve on the Board of Advisors.

We ask you not to put this letter on the bottom of your "deferred pile," but deal with it now. We hope that you will comply with as many of our six requests as possible.

With thanks and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mark A. Allen

Mark Allen, Director

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Jack Gordon, Director

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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My check for \$ _____ is enclosed for my 1985 dues.

Name

Address

Telephone Number

CODICIL

I, _____, hereby make this Codicil to my Will.

I hereby give to the Assassinations Archives and Research Center, now located at 918 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., all of my materials relating to political assassinations or allied subjects. This shall include but not be limited to books, documents, files, correspondence, and manuscripts.

If I fail to include such a provision in any future Will which I might have, it is hoped that my heirs and/or executor will keep its intent in mind when my estate is distributed.

Done this _____ day of _____, 1985.

(Signature)

WITNESSES:

(Name)

(Address)

(Name)

(Address)

(Name)

(Address)