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ASSASSINATION RECORDS ADVISORYMay 10, 1996 CONTACT: TOM SAMOLUK (202) 724-0088, EXT. 227ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD VOTES TO RELEASE CIA, FBI, AND HSCA RECORDSApril 16-17, 1996 Board Meeting TotalsThe Assassination Records Review Board voted on April 16 and 17, 1996 to release an additional 193 FBI, CIA, and House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) records related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.FBI RecordsThe Board voted to release 158 FBI documents (including duplicates) in full. These documents relate to the Bureau's broad post-assassination investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald, including the FBI's investigation into the incident involving Sylvia Odio.CIA RecordsThe Review Board also voted to release 33 CIA documents, 14 in full and 19 in part. These documents consist of various records from Oswald's "201" file.HSCA RecordsIn addition, the Board voted to release 2 HSCA documents in full, which were duplicates of documents previously opened.Notification to the President and Agencies Notification of the Review Board's action on the above documents was sent to the President of the United States and the agencies on May 1, 1996. The President has 30 days to agree or disagree with the Review Board's determinations. Secret Service RecordsAs part of the mandate of the Assassination Records Review Board to identify assassination records, the Board designated Secret Service records from the files of Chief James Rowley as "assassination records." These records include Secret Service comments on the William Manchester book manuscript. The Board will now review these documents for inclusion in the JFK Assassination Records Collection. Other Board-Related ActivitiesIn other board-related activities, after consultation with the appropriate federal agencies and in compliance with the JFK Act, 119 additional FBI and HSCA records are being released in full. The FBI is releasing 89 documents, and 30 HSCA documents will be available by consent release.-end-

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