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Today is John's last day. I wrote a letter to him, which I have copied for you below. He called me back and told me how much he enjoyed working with the Board and staff. He was, as always, exceedingly gracious. February 27, 1998 Mr. John Pereira Chief, Historical Review Group Central Intelligence Agency 2E20 IP Washington, D.C. 20505 Dear John: Today is a sad day for those of us at the Review Board who have had the pleasure of working with you during the last few years. Although we are very sorry to see you leave, we heartily congratulate you for your very distinguished service with the Agency. We are fully aware that we have complicated your life significantly during the past four years with our endless stream of letters, requests, pleas, and questions. We also recognize that many of the actions of our agency have created difficult problems for you and CIA. In your responses to us, we have been enormously impressed by your unfailing equanimity, cordiality, and professionalism. It was always our impression that you were a superb representative of CIA's interests in our manifold tussles. But we also perceived your principled support for the JFK Act's goal of opening government records on the assassination. You should take a great deal of pride in your vital role in helping the process to succeed. Your diplomatic qualities and integrity will be sorely missed. We wish you the best of success in the future. Sincerely, T. Jeremy Gunn Executive Director cc: Assassination Records Review Board

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