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SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
BODY: Mr. Chairman, I am Steven D. Tilley, Chief of the Access and Freedom of Information Act Staff of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). I wish to thank you for the opportunity to testify today on behalf of NARA in support of H. R. 1553, which will extend the authorization of the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Review Board for one year to September 30, 1998. I am appearing today in my capacity as NARA's Chief of the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection. In that role I am charged with implementing NARA's responsibilities under the Act and I serve as NARA's liaison to the Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB). This afternoon I would like to tell you a little bit of my background concerning records of the assassination of President Kennedy, explain the role of NARA in implementing the Act, and outline why the National Archives and Records Administration supports passage of this important piece of legislation. Mr. Chairman, my career as an archivist has involved working with some of the most sensitive and highly classified records of our Government. I oversaw the closing of the office of the Watergate Special Prosecution Force (WSPF) and supervised the transfer of these records to the National Archives in 1977. I worked with the records of the WSPF for more than 11 years, serving for most of that time as the senior archivist for those records. I also served as the senior archivist for the records of the National Security Council (NSC) following the transfer of the NSC records of the Truman and Eisenhower Administrations in 1983. In 1989 I joined the staff of the National Security Council, where I served as Director of Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Activities and later as NSC's Director of Information Disclosure with responsibility for all disclosure activities of the NSC. In 1993, I returned to NARA to become the Chief of the JFK Collection, and I have served in that capacity ever since. I became the Chief of the Access and FOIA Staff in January of this year. Under the JFK Act, NARA had several major responsibilities. Three of these requirements, however, proved to be central to the work of the Assassination Records Review Board. Our first responsibility was to formally establish the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection which we accomplished with Record

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