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In the middle of the paragraph I have added the following new sentence: H.R. 1553 has now been cleared for the President's signature. Here is the complete paragraph with the new sentence: In addition, we are pleased that House Government Reform and Oversight Committee Chairman Dan Burton introduced H.R. 1553, which would amend the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 to extend the authorization of the Assassination Records Review Board until September 30, 1998 and authorizes \$1.6 million for the Board to complete its work. The bill was cosponsored by Congressmen Henry Waxman and Louis Stokes. It passed the House of Representatives on June 23, 1997 and the Senate on June 25, 1997. H.R. 1553 has now been cleared for the President's signature. Senator Arlen Specter had introduced a companion bill in the Senate, S. 844 earlier this month. These Members have exhibited an admirable bipartisan spirit and an understanding that we as a government, and as a nation, must bring closure to a sad chapter of our history, and that we must seize this opportunity now. Our complete package, with my cover letter, when ready today, should go to: Ms. Tammy Perrin Treasury, General Government, and Civil Service Appropriation Subcommittee United States Senate 190 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 Telephone number: 224-7337 Please call me at (617) 482-1350 when it is being sent up to the Hill. Thanks.

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