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Subject: letter
DECEMBER 5, 1997/FREDERICK D. HESS/DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS/CRIMINAL DIVISION/UNITED STATES
Department of Justice/1001 G Street, N.W., Suite 1075/Washington, D.C. 20530/Re: Department of Justice,
Criminal Division, Equities in the Records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Subject To The John F.
Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. 2107 Dear Mr. Hess:This letter follows up
on three previous letters to you from the staff of the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Review Board,
dated August 11, August 15, and September 2, 1997, in which we informed you of our intent to present FBI
records with Criminal Division equities to the Review Board for review of postponements.On September 30,
1997, the Criminal Division responded to our three letters with a single letter that stated that, [c]onsideration
of the remainder of the documents by the Review Board should await Criminal Division notification to the FBI
of the results of our review and consultation with other agencies. After the Review Board staff received your
September 30, 1997, letter, we informed the Criminal Division that we would allow the Criminal Division an
additional thirty (30) days -- until November 30 -- to complete its review of the FBI records at issue. On todays
date, I spoke with Debbie Beatty at the FBI who informed me that the Criminal Division has returned only four
of the eighteen outstanding files to her since September 24, 1997. The completed files include Rogelio
Cisneros Diaz, Sebastian John LaRocca, Loran Eugene Hall, and Luis Rabel.According to the Criminal Divisions
September 30, 1997, letter, the Criminal Division is currently processing the following files, and will complete
that process as soon as possibleNorman Rothman, Carlos Marcello, Angelo Bruno, Jose Aleman, Barney Baker,
Sam Mannarino, Dominick Edward Bartone, Fair Play for Cuba Committee, and Sam Giancana.Mr. Frederick
HessDecember 5, 1997Page 2Regardless of whether the Criminal Division has completed its processing of the
above-referenced files, the Review Board must vote on this group of records at its meeting on January 22,
1998. The Criminal Division will need to submit evidence or arguments in support of any postponements you
choose to assert in writing no later than January 1, 1998. The Criminal Divisions September 30, 1997, letter
further stated it had referred the following records to other agencies or to Department of Justice components
for consultation. LCN, Thomas Peasner, Edward Browder, Gerald Patrick Hemming, Criminal Intelligence
Program, and Sam Giancana.Again, the Review Board must vote on these records, so at your earliest
convenience, and no later than December 15, 1997, please provide the Review Board staff with a list of those
other agencies or Department of Justice components that currently have control of the above-referenced
records so that we will have an opportunity to contact them directly.Thank you, in advance, for your
cooperation with the work of the Review Board.Sincerely,T. Jeremy GunnExecutive DirectorEnclosurescc:
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