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Subject: Final report findings and recommendations
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 ARRB Bill JoyceMEMORANDUMMay 21, 1998To: Review BoardFrom: Jeremy GunnSubject: Final Report Findings and RecommendationsAt the last meeting, the Board requested that I circulate a notice in preparation for its June 4 discussion of the Final Report chapter on Findings and Recommendations. I have identified below some of the potential topic areas where the Board may wish to consider making recommendations. After reviewing these areas, please send to our offices potential findings and recommendations that you think the Board should consider at the June 4 meeting. I would recommend, at this point, that you identify as many different potential recommendations as you can and that you let the discussion be the place for winnowing and refining. Your suggestions need be nothing more than written bullet points suggesting topics for the agenda. Please return your written suggestions to me by Tuesday, June 2, at 12:00 noon so that we can collate your responses and fax a working draft of points back to you by June 3. Topics
 What are the most important lessons that have been learned?
 that a legislative mandate from Congress is essential
 that the legislation must contain provisions enforceable by sanctions
 that any reviewing body should be independent of the classifiers and the custodians of classified information -2-
 Was it worth doing?
 It was worth doing as it identifies a model for declassifying controversial (federal) records
 Could it have been done without having an independent agency oversee the process?
 I think it would not have been without independent agency involvement
 What were the biggest obstacles?
 The biggest obstacles were that: agencies did not respect the Board and the process that Congress outlined, the legislation did not allow sufficient time for the Board to organize itself and for the work to be completed, the Board may have been too distracted by peripheral issues such as the medical evidence, the Garrison Grand Jury records, and private papers, among others, that deflected attention and energy from the records of those federal agencies most involved.
 How could the JFK Act have worked better?
 The JFK Act should have paid more attention to housekeeping provisions affecting Record
Body:
recstat:
DeliveryPriority: N
DeliveryReport: B
ReturnReceipt:
Categories: