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Subject: Re: One-pager

David - I tried to cut down some of the sections and underlined some new things that I suggest. I see the problems of trying to get this down to one page. Hopefully, it can still fit on two. My main goals were to further emphasize that our efforts are ongoing, we are close on some things, closure will not be reached on many if we don't stay around, and the public will not let this die in the future if we don't complete our work. I also put it on the Congress, not simply the government that will face the consequences from the general public if we are terminated prematurely. Finally, I thought the reference to the final report might be a key phrase in the ending because they always seem to focus on it as being so important; the true indication that the job was done when you can point to that big final report on the shelf. Let me know if you want to talk about my edits/suggestions. Tom

1. What will the Assassination Records Review Board accomplish by the end of FY97? Government Records related to the Assassination -- The Board will have reviewed and processed nearly all of the assassination records that have been identified by Federal agencies, with the exception of the FBI and the CIA. The overwhelming majority of previously redacted information will have been made public. Identification of Additional Records -- The Board will have identified additional government records that had not previously been located by the agencies. Private and Local Records -- The Board will have identified and secured significant assassination-related records in the hands of private citizens and local governments.

2. What will additional time accomplish? Sequestered Collections -- Additional time will permit the Board to complete its review of the huge and critically important collections of records at the CIA and FBI that were requested by the HSCA in the course of their investigation. Foreign Records -- The Board has started the process of collecting and reviewing records held by a number of foreign countries (Russia, Belarus, Mexico, England, Germany, France, Japan, Cuba). Contact has been made with several countries. Additional time will increase the likelihood of success. The Records of Some Agencies and Congressional Committees -- Additional time will allow the Board to finish its work with several agencies and Congressional Committees (NSA, Secret Service, Senate Intelligence Committee). Search for Additional Records -- Additional time will permit the Board's search for additional records held by government agencies, private individuals, and local governments to be concluded with greater confidence. Some of these records have been located, but not yet acquired by the Board.

3. What will an additional year cost? As a result of the Board's necessarily protracted start-up, a budget carryover of no-year funds from its first year would fund a full quarter of continued operation. The Board would consequently require only \$1.6 million of additional funds to operate for one year.

4. Why won't the Board be finished by the end of FY 97? Unrealistic Time Limit -- The authors of the legislation believed that

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