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 THOM.SOME OF THIS STUFF LOOKS LIKE IT COULD BE PRETTY INTERESTING. I AM ASSUMING THAT BECAUSE NSA IS SUCH A secret agency anything having to do with them will at least give some reporters cause for pause. A few other comments on Chris' specific descriptions below.TomSome of the documents center on Cuban reaction to the assassination.Changes in the alert status of the Cuban military are monitored, as are statements by Fidel Castro and the Cuban government reacting to the news.Castro's government also speculates internally that the American right is behind the shooting.My Note: Although we'll have to see what the actual documents say and the form in which they will be released, this general description sounds very interesting.-- Initial assessments by foreign governments of Lyndon Johnson as a man and a leader, and the speculated effect of the assassination on the foreign policy of the United States.My Note: This should also attract some attention, if there are any "juicy" assessments of LBJ.-- Comments to foreign diplomats made in December 1963 and January 1964 by John McCloy, a member of the Warren Commission, regarding the work of the Commission and the evidence he had seen to that point.My Note: Thom, as I recall, I think there was a document regarding McCloy that I remember finding very interesting, although I can't recall exactly what it was that caught my interest. I'll wait to look at it when you have the actual documents as they are going to be released.To: Tom Samoluk/ARRBcc: From: Thom Wilborn/ARRB Date: 03/13/97 10:54:27 AM Subject: NSA Press release materialTo: Thom\_Wilborn @ jfk-arrrb.gov @ internetcc: Tim\_Wray @ jfk-arrrb.gov @ internet (bcc: Thom Wilborn/ARRB)From: Gatsby @ nicom.com (Christopher Barger) @ INTERNET @ WORLD.COM Date: 03/12/97 11:31:58 AM CST Subject: NSA Press release material Thom--I didn't think you wanted me to just write the press release; I have just written some general summaries of what is in the documents, as well as a couple of specifically interesting ones. I hope this is what you are looking for. I will periodically check my e-mail during the rest of the day; write back if I need to give you more or better material. Or, call me at home, at (703) 271-9339. \_\_\_\_\_ The Assassination records Review Board announced that it is releasing 85\* NSA documents relating to the Kennedy assassination. These documents were all previously withheld in full, and have never been seen by the public. This release marks the first time the NSA and ARRB have cooperated to make information public under the terms of the JFK Act. Many of the records reflect the worldwide confusion and shock which immediately followed the assassination. There are expressions of condolence from foreign governments, as well as internal deliberations as to the proper gestures of mourning other nations should adopt. Issues of diplomatic protocol are broached, as foreign governments scramble to decide who they will send to the funeral, and what level diplomats are being sent by

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