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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
     Executive Director

FROM: Stanley M. Moskowitz
      Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: Release of Sequestered JFK Documents

Attached for your signature is a letter to Speaker Foley requesting permission to release to the Archivist JFK assassination records that have been segregated in CIA since the late 1970's pursuant to an agreement with the House Select Committee on Assassinations. Under that agreement, these records were to remain segregated until 2007 unless the DCI and the House agreed otherwise. We have been advised by the Speaker's special assistant that the Speaker will respond favorably to our request. The Agency will begin sending CIA records within the segregated collection to the National Archives upon receiving Foley's written response.

[Signature]

Stanley M. Moskowitz

Attachment
30 September 1992

The Honorable Thomas S. Foley
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

As part of the Historical Review Program and in anticipation of the passage of the Assassination Materials Disclosure Act of 1992, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has declassified and is sending records related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy to the National Archives. We have already cleared approximately 35,000 pages of documents for transfer to the Archives. To help us in this process, we seek the agreement of the House of Representatives to release CIA records that are part of a segregated document collection established by agreement between CIA and the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA).

In August 1977, Director of Central Intelligence Stansfield Turner and the HSCA agreed in a Memorandum of Understanding to create, upon termination of the HSCA, a segregated and secure collection of all Agency documents reviewed by the Committee. The documents were to remain segregated within CIA for 30 years unless the DCI and the House of Representatives agreed to a shorter period of time. In early 1978, the HSCA and the DCI revised the MOU to provide that only those documents designated by the HSCA—not all documents reviewed by the Committee—would be placed in this collection. We established the secure collection in accordance with the MOU, as modified.

I know that you share with me the commitment to declassify and publicly disclose as many government documents as possible related to the assassination of President Kennedy. The House, by passing the Assassination Materials Disclosure Act, has also gone on record in supporting the
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release of such documents. Your consent, on behalf of the House, to the immediate release of CIA records within the segregated collection will enable the Agency to make its records available to the National Archives as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Robert M. Gates
Director of Central Intelligence

cc: Minority Leader, House of Representatives
Chairman, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
Ranking Republican Member, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
SUBJECT: Release of Sequestered JFK Documents;
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