AGENCY INFORMATION

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DOCUMENT INFORMATION

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TITLE: MEMO: RELEASE OF JFK DOCUMENTS
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SUBJECTS: ARCHIVES
JFK ASSASSINATION

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RESTRICTIONS: 1A
CURRENT STATUS: RELEASED IN PART PUBLIC - RELEASED WITH DELETIONS
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[R] - ITEM IS RESTRICTED 104-10331-10084
MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
               Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Executive Director

FROM: David D. Gries
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SUBJECT: Release of JFK Documents

1. By Monday evening, 23 August, CIA will have met the deadline for release of JFK assassination records. Although the 1992 Act fixed Sunday, 22 August, as the deadline, the National Archives has determined that Monday, 23 August, is the working deadline.

2. One shipment of 23,000 pages was sent to Archives on Monday, 16 August. This shipment is the subject of the New York Times article of 19 August, which states incorrectly that CIA "would make public only about 23,000 pages of documents." PAI is contacting the Times in an effort to correct the record.

3. A second and much larger shipment will be sent to Archives in stages on Friday, Saturday, and Monday, 20-23 August.

4. Although we are pleased to have met the deadline, redactions on many pages and the approximately 10,000 pages withheld in total are likely to lead to criticism, especially from long-time critics like James Lesar, who is quoted in the Times article.

5. After passage of the deadline, CIA will still retain some JFK records. As noted, 10,000 pages are being withheld in total because they describe sensitive sources and methods. Approximately 7,000 pages originated by other agencies but found in CIA files and sent to originating agencies for coordination have not yet been returned to CIA for release. Approximately 20,000 pages originated by Congressional staffers during the assassination investigation are stored at CIA and ultimately must be processed for release by Archives, which has been delegated authority by Congress to review records originated by Congress.
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Finally, CIA holds 73 reels of microfilm which we intend to ask the Review Board created by the 1992 Act to exempt from release because a large portion qualify for postponement on grounds of sensitivity, privacy, irrelevance, or duplication of records already released.

5. CIA involvement with JFK records will continue into the future. The White House has yet to appoint a Review Board. When it does, the Board will have the right to review all records redacted or withheld. This process is likely to require years of effort and much debate back and forth.

David D. Greis
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JFK RECORDS TO BE RELEASED

Total JFK Records

Hardcopy documents: 162,000 pages
Microfilm: 73 reels, 150,000 pages

Released

Oswald: 35,000 pages
Sequestered Files: 90,000 pages
Total: 125,000 pages

Withheld Temporarily

HSCA originated: 20,000 pages
Third Agency: 7,000 pages

Denied in Full

10,000 pages

19 August 1993
HRG