MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD
FROM: John Carver
Boxes 1-6 of the Lee Harvey Oswald 201 File

Last minute details this morning:

1. In telephone calls with Frank Most, got confirmation that no House-originated documents are included in these first six boxes. All of the original reviewers of these--Frank, Jim, Gloria, Bill, and Barry--believe there is no such material in these boxes. The IMS index of documents in the Oswald 201 was also checked and turned up no House documents. (There are, of course, many such documents in the JFK sequestered files.) HRG will add a special step in its processing procedures to make sure we handle all Congressionally originated documents separately and properly.

2. In telephone calls with Chuck Lane, I first (about 9:00 A.M.) asked him to hold up the six boxes for an hour or so to let us ascertain in our index review that we wouldn't have to make a last-minute physical check to make sure there were no House documents in them. This disturbed him, as IMD had made special efforts to get them out the door for NARA by noon. Jim Cunningham had ordered everybody to move as fast as possible; special calls went to Larry McDonald and possibly to Trudy Peterson to make sure NARA was ready to receive the shipment. After we finished the index check in HRG and got clearance from John Pereira and Page Moffett, I called Chuck back, thanked him for the delay (about 35 minutes), and said all was clear to go ahead and deliver the boxes. I passed on thanks to IMD for their special handling.

3. In telephone calls with Page Moffett, I explained how we were ascertaining that no House documents were included in this batch. (We were interrupted by a call from the Director to Page.) Page said he was satisfied that we are safe on this score, but he asked that HRG arrange to give any Congressional documents we find special handling; he suggested that we pull any such documents from the files and store them separately.

4. In telephone calls with John Pereira, I first left a message to let him know what we were doing and what IMD was planning to do today. By the time he called back, Frank had confirmed that the Oswald boxes are clean, and Page Moffett had given his blessing. John passed on information from his talks with Page, David Pearline, and Mark Mansfield. (They have drafted a letter or an announcement for Gates's signature on the delivery of these boxes to NARA.) After our meeting today, John will send a note around on a new HRG procedure to handle House (and Senate) documents that turn up in our review for any boxes after the first six.

5. In a telephone call with Larry McDonald, I got his promise that NARA reviewers will be alert for any Congressional documents that might unaccountably have been included in these six boxes and will let CIA know immediately if they discover any.

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6. John Pereira had not yet heard back from Steve Tilley. John called back later with the message from David Van Tassel that NSC's review is complete. There are a few points of disagreement (some pieces of information that Jack Wright has stated must continue to be protected; some documents which require further coordination with third agencies), but NSC has agreed with most of our determinations. He was drafting a cover memo (at 10:55) and he would have the package ready for us in a couple of hours. Jim will arrange to pick the package up personally as soon as we get the word. We may have to make some last minute redactions. The CPAS deadline for printing up 7000 copies of the package is still "today."

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