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TO: IMMEDIATE []

FROM: LIMIT C/EA [] INFO CHIEF/EA, DCEA/OPE, EA/XO

SLUGS: WNINTEL

SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT []

REF: NONE

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE PROVIDE [] EXPEDITED COMMENTS.

2. ON 22 MARCH WE WERE INFORMED THAT THE PRESIDENTIALLY *APPOINTED<JFK ASSASSINATION>RECORDS REVIEW BOARD HAS DECLARED ITS INTENTION TO RELEASE THE FACT [] IN THE EARLY 1960'S. APPARENTLY THERE IS SOME CORRESPONDENCE OR CABLE TRAFFIC FROM THE EARLY 1960'S ON THE SUBJECT THAT INCLUDES [] ON THE DISTRIBUTION LINE. WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN THE ACTUAL TRAFFIC BUT WE HAVE BEEN TASKED WITH PROVIDING COMMENTS ON HOW THIS ACTION WOULD "AFFECT CURRENT [] RELATIONSHIPS [] AMERICAN RELATIONS, ETC." GIVEN THE PRESS SCRUTINY [] THERE IS NO DOUBT IN OUR MIND THAT SUCH A RELEASE WILL BE NOTICED BY THE [] MEDIA.

3. PLEASE PREPARE YOUR ARGUMENTS IN AS COMPLETE A MANNER AS POSSIBLE. WE RECOMMEND THAT QUOTES FROM AMBASSADOR [] SUPPORTING [] POSITION, SHOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION PROVIDED US, THE ADDO HAS ADDRESSED THE BOARD TWICE, MOST RECENTLY LAST MONDAY WHEN HE BRIEFED THEM ON WHY WE CANNOT REVEAL OUR INSTALLATIONS [] [] EVEN 30 YEARS AGO. THE BOARD ACCEPTED OUR ARGUMENTS [] [] BUT REJECTED [] ONCE THE BOARD OVERRULES US, OUR ONLY RECOURSE IS TO APPEAL TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

4. ONCE WE HAVE [] ARGUMENTS IN HAND WE WILL PREPARE THE NECESSARY MEMORANDUMS TO SUPPORT YOUR POSITION. FOR THE SAKE OF STRUCTURE, WE ASK THAT YOU ORGANIZE YOUR ARGUMENTS ALONG SUBTITLED THEMES SUCH AS IN PARA 2 ABOVE, INCLUDING THE RECENT PRESS ATTENTION ON CIA ACTIVITIES AND THE HISTORICAL REFUSAL OF
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[REDACTED] PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE OUR PRESENCE. FYI,
THE BOARD MEMBERS ARE ALL TOP SECRET CLEARED.

5. OUR DEADLINE ON THIS MAY BE VERY SHORT SO PLEASE EXPEDITE
YOUR RESPONSE. WE APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

6. CL REASON: 1.5(C); DECL: X1.

7. FILE: NONE. DECL OADR DRV HUM 4-82.

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