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5 October 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

FROM: Director, Center for The Study of Intelligence

SUBJECT: Newly Released JFK Assassination Records

1. This memorandum is in response to your request for information on recently released JFK assassination records. (U)

2. The documents released by the JFK Assassination Records Board over the past three months cover Lee Harvey Oswald's trip to Mexico City in September-October 1963. The basic information on this subject was released by the Agency in 1992/93. The latest releases do not contain significant revelations; they primarily fill in gaps and add details to a known story. (U)

3. The new information in these releases is the official confirmation of CIA's unilateral telephone tap operations against the Soviet and Cuban Embassies in Mexico City. However, we are still protecting a separate joint operation with the Mexican government. The existence of intercepted Oswald phone calls has been reported in the press for years, and the transcripts of these calls have been available at the National Archives since 1993. Most of the other new releases are pseudonyms and aliases of employees, document and file numbers, and cryptonyms. (S)

4. The Board has released some information that we initially preferred to protect, e.g., details on some operations and sources and the names of several Agency employees. To date, we have concluded that the damage to national security or risk to these individuals was not sufficient to justify an appeal of the Board's decisions. (U)

5. The Board and its staff have been cooperative in reconsidering issues and tabling documents in response to our concerns. The issue of whether to release certain staff employee names has been tabled until December to give the Agency an opportunity to contact the individuals concerned.

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The Board has also upheld deletions we have made that, if released, would reveal the full extent of the Agency's liaison relationship with the Mexican government. (S)

6. An important issue we are discussing with the Board is whether to release the locations of CIA stations in Europe. The Board has indicated its desire to open in full the cables and documents from certain stations in Europe that reported on Oswald. Such a release would constitute the first official acknowledgment of these stations. (S)



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