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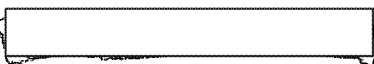
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NOTE FOR: Regina A. Genton
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SUBJECT: JFK Project

Per your request, attached is a statement regarding our commitment to take steps to complete the processing of records related to the



assassination of JFK. AFFIRM.DO

CC:  Brian Latell

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FOR: D/EXDIR

JFK PROJECT

The following is in response to your request for a statement "reaffirming" CSI's commitment to apply available resources to complete the processing of records related to the assassination of President Kennedy.

As Jeremy Gunn stated in his letter of 28 October to the EXDIR, the pace of reviewing JFK-related documents is accelerating. He also stated that the JFK Board has established 1 September 1998 as the deadline for all agencies to finish the processing of records and transfer them to the National Archives.

In order to complete all the necessary tasks required by the Board and meet the deadline, we will clearly need to increase the resources now dedicated to JFK. There are a growing number of requests from the Board to review records from both CIA and other agencies, to search files for additional information, and to brief the Board and its staff. At present, one staff officer and 13 part time independent contractors are devoted to JFK. In addition, we draw on a small CSI computer unit for support and share overtime employees who perform indexing and document copying for the Center.

In the absence of additional resources being provided from elsewhere, CSI (or OIM) will need to shift resources from other projects to JFK for all tasks to be done on time. One option is to interrupt other declassification projects, such as that on DI finished intelligence on the Soviet Union, and the Guatemala covert action, and assign reviewers and others working on those projects to JFK. The moves would need to happen in the next few weeks.

Another important consideration is that the directorates, particularly the DO, will need to increase their resources to keep pace with HRG. These resources are required to coordinate declassification of records and to prepare responses for requests from the Board for additional information and files.

Whatever resource adjustments are made to bolster the effort on JFK, there will still be an unpredictable factor that could require a surge in additional resources later. This stems from the potentially large number of documents from the FBI and other agencies containing CIA equities that

the Board could ask us to review. There is a good chance that such documents will surface near the September deadline, which would leave little time to complete the processing.