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 TO: THOM_WILBORN @ JFK-ARRB.GOV @ INTERNETCC. THOM_WILBY @ JFK-ARRB.GOV @ INTERNET (CC: THOM_WILBORN/ARRB)From: gatsby @ nicom.com (Christopher Barger) @ INTERNET @ WORLDCCOM Date: 03/12/97 11:31:58 AM CSTSubject: NSA Press release materialThom--I didn't think you wanted me to just write the press release; I have justwritten some general summaries of what is in the documents, as well as acouple of specifically interesting ones. I hope this is what you arelooking for. I will periodically check my e-mail during the rest of theday; write back if I need to give you more or better material. Or, call meat home, at (703) 271-9339. _____The Assassination records Review Board announced that it is releasing 85*NSA documents relating to the Kennedy assassination. These documents wereall previously withheld in full, and have never been seen by the public.This release marks the first time the NSA and ARRB have cooperated to makeinformation public under the terms of the JFK Act. Many of the records reflect the worldwide confusion and shock whichimmediately followed the assassination. There are expressions of condolencefrom foreign governments, as well as internal deliberations as to the propergestures of mourning other nations should adopt. Issues of diplomaticprotocol are broached, as foreign governments scramble to decide who theywill send to the funeral, and what level diplomats are being sent by otherations.Diplomats in the field report back to their governments as to the mood andatmosphere in world capitals following Kennedy's death. There is alsodiscussion as to who might be repsonsible for the shooting, with much of theearly speculation centering on the American far right. Some of the documents center on Cuban reaction to the assassination.Changes in the alert status of the Cuban military are monitored, as arestatements by Fidel Castro and the Cuban government reacting to the news.Castro's government also speculates internally that the American right isbehind the shooting.Some of the most interesting documents include:-- The Cuban letter of protest to Mexico regarding the treatment of SilviaDuran, a Mexican national working in the Cuban Embassy in Mexico Citydetained by Mexican authorities immediately following the shooting.-- Initial assessments by foreign governments of Lyndon Johnson as a man anda leader, and the speculated effect of the assassination on the foreignpolicy of the United States.-- Comments to foreign diplomats made in December 1963 and January 1964 byJohn McCloy, a member of the Warren Commission, regarding the work of theCommission and the evidence he had seen to that point.The ARRB continues to work closely with the National Security Agency to tryand identify, locate and release any documents still held by NSA relating tothe Kennedy assassination. _____END

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