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NE W S R E L E A S E FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE OCTOBER 6, 1997 CONTACT: EILEEN SULLIVAN (202) 724-0088, EXT. 253 JFK ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW ANNOUNCES DEPARTURE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR The Assassination Records Review Board today announced the departure of its Executive Director, Dr. David G. Marwell, and appointed a new Executive Director, Dr. T. Jeremy Gunn. "David Marwell has done an extraordinary job in starting a new agency with an unprecedented mandate, and we will miss him," said Judge John R. Tunheim, Chair of the Review Board. "We are fortunate to have Jeremy Gunn, who has played a key role with the Board as General Counsel and an Associate Director, to step into the Executive Director position during our last year that will culminate in the submission of our final report to the President and the Congress." Marwell, who has served as the Review Board's Executive Director since August 1994, will be the Director of Collections at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Prior to working at the Review Board, Marwell served as the Director of the Berlin Document Center. He is the former Chief of Investigative Research in the Office of Special Investigations at the Department of Justice. He holds a Ph.D. in History from the State University of New York at Binghamton and a B.A. in English from Brandeis University. The Review Board has appointed Gunn as its new Executive Director. He has served as the Review Board's Associate Director for Research and Analysis since November 1994, in addition to serving as General Counsel since January 1996. Gunn was an attorney for the Washington law firm of Covington & Burling from 1988 until he joined the Review Board staff. He is a graduate of Boston University Law School and received a Ph.D. from Harvard University. The Assassination Records Review Board was established by the JFK Act, which was signed into law by President George Bush. The five members of the Board were appointed by President Clinton, confirmed by the U.S. Senate, and sworn in on April 11, 1994. The law gives the Review Board the mandate and the authority to identify, secure, and make available all records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. It is the responsibility of the Board to determine which records are to be made public immediately and which ones will have postponed release dates. -30-

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