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M E D I A A D V I S O R YFOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE JULY 17, 1998 CONTACT: EILEEN SULLIVAN(202) 724-0088, EXT. 253REVIEW BOARD RELEASES BRILAB ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE ON ORGANIZED CRIME BOSS CARLOS MARCELLOThe Assassination Records Review Board today released transcripts of previously unavailable taped conversations of Carlos Marcello, the long-time head of organized crime in New Orleans. In the late 1970s, the FBI investigated Marcello in an operation code-named "BriLab," which stood for "bribery of organized labor." The FBI conducted electronic surveillance on Marcello's home and office for approximately eight months. The Review Board staff identified thirteen conversations that are relevant to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and is making them available to the public. This material has been transferred to the JFK Collection at the National Archives.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 wereappointed by President Clinton, confirmed by the U.S. Senate, and sworn in on April11, 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.The Review Board consists of the following members:Honorable John R. Tunheim, Chair; U.S. District Court Judge, District of Minnesota.Dr. Henry F. Graff; Professor Emeritus of History at Columbia University.Dr. Kermit L. Hall; Dean, College of Humanities, and Professor of History at The Ohio State University.Dr. William L. Joyce; Associate University Librarian for Rare Books and Special Collections at Princeton University.Dr. Anna K. Nelson; Distinguished Adjunct Historian in Residence at The American University.-30-

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