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Washington, DC 20505

Re: Completion of Review of Assassination Records by the CIA

Dear John:

With less than a year to complete the review of the mass of CIA records, the Review Board is concerned that the current pace of review will not permit us to accomplish the task assigned by Congress. The Review Board seeks to ensure that the entire universe of "assassination records" have been reviewed by the time the Board closes.

The known universe of records includes, but may not be limited to the following:

- Oswald 201 File
- CIA Sequestered Collection- 63 boxes and microfilm (72 boxes in hard copy)
- HSCA Materials from the Sequestered Collection
- Working Files, including "Russ Holmes" papers
- Oswald Office of Security File
- Referrals- HSCA, FBI Church Committee, LBJ Library, JFK Library, etc.
- Results of Searches for Additional Records

Completion means that all unique records, with the exception of duplicates, have been reviewed by the Board and are at NARA by September 30, 1998.

The Review Board asks the CIA to develop and submit by **[November 15, 1997]** a timetable that will allow us to accomplish the goal in a systematic and orderly fashion. This timetable should be structured to permit the most efficient review of records and should be a plan to which the CIA is prepared to commit the resources required to assure that the schedule will be met.

The Review Board is mindful of our responsibility to Congress and will act to fulfill that responsibility. The last recourse that we will take, but one that we will take, is to release records

without redactions if that is necessary to accomplish the goal.

We appreciate the working relationship that has developed between our two agencies over the last three years. We hope that the relationship can continue through the challenges that finishing this project will present. As always we thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

T. Jeremy Gunn
Executive Director

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