

January 25, 1996
(HAND DELIVERED)

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Re: DOD Review of HSCA Documents Prior to Public Release in Accordance with John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. §2107

Dear Mr. Aly:

The Assassination Records Review Board is continuing to examine materials compiled by the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) and which, for various reasons, have not yet been made public. The Board is obligated to refer such records to the originating agency for comment prior to releasing them. (You will recall that I referred an earlier batch of HSCA records to you in my letter of December 1, 1995.)

I am enclosing a new group of nine classified HSCA documents for your review. Please note that the grounds for postponing the release of information in the documents under Section 6 of the JFK Act are more restrictive than those allowed by the Freedom of Information Act. If you recommend that a document not be released, either in part or in its entirety, please provide whatever evidence you wish to present to the Board in support of the postponed release of information not later than February 22 so that the Board can review these documents at its meeting on February 29-March 1, 1996. I am attaching a form that should facilitate your response.

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Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this action, please contact Colonel (ret.) Timothy A. Wray, our Chief Analyst for Military Records.

Sincerely yours,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

Enclosures:

1. Reply Endorsement (UNCLASSIFIED)
2. Effects of Missiles on Animal Tissues (HSCA 180-10110-10216) (CONFIDENTIAL)
3. Provisional Casualty Criterion (HSCA 180-10110-10217) (CONFIDENTIAL)
4. Letter from DOD to Blakey, 5/9/78 (HSCA 180-10110-10075) (CONFIDENTIAL)
5. Letter from, DOD to Blakey, n.d. (HSCA 180-10110-10085) (SECRET)
6. Letter from DOD to Blakey, 8/21/78 (HSCA 180-10110-10099) (CONFIDENTIAL)
7. Letter from DOD to Blakey, 8/25/78 (HSCA 180-10110-10102) (SECRET)
8. Letter from DOD to Blakey, 12/11/78 (HSCA 180-10110-10127) (SECRET)
9. Letter from DOD to HSCA, 12/13/78 (HSCA 180-10110-10129) (SECRET)
10. 112th INTC Group Unit History, 1962-3 (HSCA 180-10110-10094) (CONFIDENTIAL)

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 FIRST ENDORSEMENT

To: David G. Marwell
 Executive Director
 Assassination Records Review Board

From: Stewart F. Aly
 DOD Deputy General Counsel

Date:

The Department of Defense has reviewed the documents shown below and makes the following
 recommendations regarding their public release:

DOCUMENT TITLE	RELEASE	DO NOT RELEASE*
1. The Effects of Missiles on Animal Tissues (HSCA 180-10110-10216) CONFIDENTIAL		
2. Provisional Casualty Criterion (HSCA 180-10110-10217) CONFIDENTIAL		
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(*NOTE: Please attach a full rationale explaining why public release should be denied.)