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RE: ARRB Request for Additional Information and Records No. CIA-13 (Backchannel Communications)

Dear John:

We request your assistance in obtaining access to information and records of possible pertinence to the John F. Kennedy assassination. We request that you provide information to answer the following queries:

1. What forms of "backchannel" written communications, if any, were there between or among the Mexico City Station (including the COS), JMWAVE, and Headquarters during 1963? By "backchannel" we mean any forms of communication other than the sequentially enumerated cables and dispatches [that now are included in the JFK Collection. **Michelle, what is a better way of saying this?**] Thus, possible "backchannel" communications might include, for example, transmittal memos, administrative memos, senior staff memos, restricted access memos, or cable channels other than [standard cables and dispatches.]
2. Were there, in fact, any backchannel communications between the Mexico City Station (including the COS), JMWAVE, and Headquarters during the time periods 27 Sept - 16 Oct 1963 and 22 Nov - 30 Nov 1963?
3. To the extent that there were any backchannel communications for the time periods 27 Sept - 16 Oct 1963 and 22 Nov - 30 Nov 1963 (other than those currently contained in the JFK Collection), please make such records available for review.

These requests should be interpreted in their broadest reasonable sense. To the extent that you

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question whether a particular record or type of information is encompassed by our request, please let us know and we can advise you whether we seek to include it. We request that you make this information available to us by December 1, 1996. If this does not provide you with sufficient time, please let us know, in writing, by what date you believe you will be able to answer the questions fully.

In requesting access to these materials, we are not designating them "assassination records" and we are not, at this time, requesting that copies be given to the Review Board.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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