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Re: CIA Compliance With the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992

Dear Messrs. McNamara and Stern:

The Review Board considers it essential that certain remaining obligations of the CIA under the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 ("JFK Act") be identified and memorialized before the Board ceases operations on September 30, 1998.

I therefore am enclosing, for your agencies' consideration, a draft Memorandum of Understanding setting forth the outstanding obligations of CIA under the JFK Act. We believe that it is in the interest of the CIA, the National Archives, the Review Board, and ultimately the public to put in writing our collective understanding of the additional work that CIA must undertake and the reasonable time frames within which it should be completed. It is our intent to reduce any future ambiguity or disagreements that may potentially arise as CIA completes its work. We also believe that this MOU will facilitate the ability of the Archivist of the United States to carry out his statutory obligation to certify to the President that all assassination-related records have been released in accordance with the Act (*see* 44 U.S.C. § 2107(12)).

The terms of a Memorandum of Understanding have been discussed among the staffs of the Review Board, the National Archives, and CIA. We believe that the enclosed draft proposal is a fair

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accommodation of competing interests. Please review the enclosed draft MOU so that we can resolve any outstanding issues and ultimately reach an agreement on an MOU before September 30, 1998.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: J. Barry Harrelson, Senior Review Officer,  
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