

# MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Status of Compliance Program

## 1. Submission of Final Compliance Statements

We have received Final Compliance Statements from several agencies. So far, Final Compliance Statements have been submitted by: (1) components of the Army (Investigative Records Repository, Criminal Investigative Command, and Armed Forces Institute of Pathology), (2) divisions of the Department of Justice (Civil and Civil Rights Divisions); (3) the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; (4) the Customs Service; (5) Bethesda Naval Hospital (6) the White House Communications Agency ("WHCA"); and (6) the Postal Service.

We have reviewed these Final Compliance Statements to determine whether they are full and complete. We are formally responding to each agency (or agency component) regarding whether it has fulfilled its obligations under the JFK Act. Where the agency has completed its work and placed its assassination records in the JFK Collection, we have acknowledged that. *See, e.g.*, Review Board Letter to the Postal Service. If the agency's Final Compliance Statement is insufficient, then we have requested further explanation regarding its record searches. *See, e.g.*, Review Board Letters to WHCA and to Bethesda Naval Hospital. As we continue to receive Final Compliance Statements over the next several months, we will review them and formally respond to the agencies.

## 2. FBI, CIA, and NSA

CIA has promised to submit its initial compliance statement by the end of November. NSA and FBI have submitted their initial compliance statements, and we plan to meet with them on November 18 and December 11, respectively.

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3. Congressional Records

We have not required Congressional committees to adhere to the specific requirements of our Compliance Program. However, we have asked for an accounting of certain Congressional records that are presumptively assassination-related. For example, we have identified Church Committee testimony, bearing directly on the JFK assassination, that has not yet been placed into the JFK Collection by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence ("SSCI"). See Review Board Letter to SSCI. In addition, we have written to the Clerk of the House of Representatives identifying Committee records that must be accounted for under the JFK Act. See Review Board Letter to Clerk of the House.

4. Library of Congress

We recently requested that the Library of Congress formally document its compliance with the JFK Act. This is because we have not received an adequate response to our prior requests for compliance under the JFK Act. See Review Board Letter to the Library of Congress.

5. IRS

We recently wrote to the new Commissioner of IRS requesting further cooperation under the JFK Act, including the designation of someone with authority to decide whether certain IRS records can be released under the JFK Act. In particular, we are trying to get IRS to decide whether certain IRS records in the Warren Commission files, including the Oswald tax returns, can be released.

6. Other

We are still awaiting Final Compliance Statements from many other agencies, including the military agencies.

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Files 6.1 (Compliance General) and 2.1.4 (Board Briefing Books)