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HAND DELIVERY

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Re: Final Search for all Original CIA Records Related to the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

Dear Barry:

This letter is in follow-up to our meeting of June 26, 1998, where we discussed the comprehensiveness of CIA's search for assassination records. As we expressed in the meeting, the Assassination Records Review Board is extremely concerned as to whether all original records held by the Central Intelligence Agency, particularly those controlled by the Directorate of Operations, have been identified in previous searches for records relevant to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The Review Board is aware that the former Chief of the Historical Review Group, John Pereira, ordered a search of all CIA records in 1993. Since that date, however, we have identified at least three examples of records clearly relevant to the assassination that have been identified through the efforts of the Review Board staff and that were subsequently located by CIA. These records were not identified through the 1993 CIA search.

In order to comply with the strictures of the JFK Act and to ensure that all original CIA records relevant to the assassination are identified, the Review Board requests the following:

1. CIA conduct a new search of all Office of Security and Directorate of Operations (including all counterintelligence components), for any documents relevant to the

assassination. Particular care should be taken to examine possibly relevant documents dated shortly before and any time after the 1993 search.

2. CIA Director George Tenet send a directive to all CIA personnel that explicitly requires all offices to search their files and notify the Historical Review Program immediately if they have any records that might possibly be considered relevant to the assassination—including any records created after 1992.

3. CIA arrange for a meeting between the Review Board staff and appropriate CIA officials to discuss CIC and other counterintelligence records.

4. CIA conduct a search for updated or continued records on individuals, from a list of names to be provided by the Review Board, of subjects who were of interest to the House Select Committee on Assassinations. We are particularly interested in any records that CIA acquired on these subjects since the original files were sequestered in 1978. A list will be provided to you shortly.

The Review Board appreciates your cooperation and assistance in resolving these issues. As time is growing short, we would like very much to ensure that these matters are handled expeditiously.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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