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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SUBJECT: ADDO Briefing of JFK Board

1. On 14 November, ADDO [redacted] briefed the Assassination Records Review Board and selected staff on the subject of protecting the names of stations that appear in JFK documents. Also attending from the DO were Bill McNair, Fred Wickham, and Eleanor Neiman. Barry Harrelson and I participated for HRG. (C)

2. [redacted] reviewed a number of points that were included in a recent memorandum from the DDO to the Board on the subject. He told the Board that the Agency agreed to acknowledge several stations for the relevant period, but that it was important to protect many others. He said that the Agency would appeal if the Board did not agree to delete the names of stations in the latter category. (C)

3. We discussed possible options that the Board might consider e.g., substituting wording such as "European station", or writing a summary of certain cables for release without identifying specific stations. (FOUO)

4. The Board was non-committal, but clearly was finding it difficult to assess the damage to current CIA operations that would be caused by releasing the locations of stations in 30-year old documents. (FOUO)

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