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The Honorable

Washington, DC

In connection with today's meeting between the staffs of the Department of the Navy and the Assassination Records Review Board to discuss the Navy's compliance with the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107, we have prepared a preliminary list of records that the Navy should attempt to identify and review for assassination-related materials.

In general, the Navy should endeavor to locate two broad categories of records -- first, any and all pre assassination records that relate to Lee Harvey Oswald or Marina Oswald, particularly since Oswald had enlisted in the Marine Corps in October 1956. (We note that the Navy recently transmitted to the Review Board personnel and medical files). In addition Oswald's defection to the Soviet Union in 1959, and his stay in the Soviet Union and subsequent return to the United States in 1962 were also the subject of Navy interest and all record relating thereto must be located. (we note that the Navy has put many of these records into the public National Archive collection). Second, any post-assassination records that the Navy may have related to any investigation, work or communications that it performed in connection with investigating the assassination need to be located, including any work it did in connection with the Warren Commission or the House Select Committee on Assassinations inquiry. For your guidance, we have developed a list of records that should be identified and reviewed for assassination related materials. These are as follows: