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Subject: NARA press release regarding ballistics issue

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COMMENTS:

Dear Board Members:

I have attached the press release that NARA is issuing today regarding the additional ballistics testing. We are mentioned in the release but we are not listed as a contact. I suspect, however, that we will get calls. Below are the talking points that I will use in the event that I receive calls.

1. This particular testing was recommended by the Firearms Examination Panel of the HSCA in 1979. This recommendation was not included in the final report issued by the HSCA.
2. We attempted to establish why this recommendation was excluded from the final report, but our inquiry did not yield conclusive answers.
3. In 1996 the Department of Justice requested the testing be done. The Review Board asked that NARA honor this request and permit the testing be done.
4. This may be the last opportunity to conduct this test as the Review Board will cease operations on September 30, 1998.
5. The Review Board's mandate is to enhance and clarify the historical record of the assassination of President Kennedy. This testing is the follow-up to a recommendation made by the HSCA Firearms Panel almost 20 years ago.

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