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ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD VOTES TO RELEASE CIA, HSCA, FORD LIBRARY, FBI, AND DEPARTMENT OF STATE DOCUMENTS

December 15, 1997 Board Meeting Totals

The Assassination Records Review Board met on December 15, 1997 and processed for release 3,762 CIA, HSCA, Ford Library, FBI, and Department of State documents related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. In addition to this total, 151 Army and 53 Joint Chiefs of Staff records will be open in full by consent release.

CIA/HSCA/Ford Library Records

The Review Board voted to release 290 CIA documents in part, and an additional seven documents will be postponed in full (these documents have "no believed relevance" (NBR) to the assassination of President Kennedy). The majority of the documents are from the CIA's "Sequestered Collection." The CIA documents relate primarily to the Agency's dealings with the HSCA, as well as records that relate to the CIA's investigation of the assassination. In addition, there are documents containing information that relate to individuals such as Charlotte Bustos-Videla, Aline Mosby, Richard C. Nagell, J. Walton Moore, David Atlee Phillips, Boris and Anna Tarasoff, and Richard Snyder.

The Board voted to release 11 HSCA records in part that include records regarding anti-Castro activities and the HSCA investigation. An additional 117 HSCA documents will be open in full by consent release.

The Review Board also voted to release 26 Ford Library records, with CIA equities, in part. These majority of these documents are from the Rockefeller Commission, and include CIA cables and memoranda, and internal Commission records that relate to its investigation of CIA activities during the 1960s. The remainder of these documents include records related to the program of covert operations in Cuba.

FBI Records

The Board also voted to release 822 FBI documents in part. The majority of these

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documents are from the HSCA subject files, which contain issues that the HSCA investigated as potentially relevant to the assassination of President Kennedy. These particular documents relate to Sam Giancana, Gus Alex, Anthony Provenzano, John Orion Pittman, Sam Mannarino, Gabriel Mannarino, Maurice Lerner and George McGann. In addition, 2,490 FBI documents will be open in full by consent release.

Department of State records

The Board voted to release six State Department records in part. This group of documents contain a survey outlining the procedures involved in the Lee Harvey Oswald case that the Passport Office provided by request to the Warren Commission, CIA-generated cables that alerted diplomatic posts of conspiracy theories immediately following the assassination, and records pertaining to author Norman Mailer's 1992 trip to Minsk.

Notification to the President and the Agencies

Notification of the Review Board's action on the above documents was sent to the President of the United States and the agencies on December 19, 1997. Unless an agency objects and the President agrees with that objection, the documents will be available 30 days from the date of the Federal Register notification, and after administrative processing.

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