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To: David Marwell/ARRBcc: From: Mary McAuliffe/ARRBDate: 08/21/96 12:01:51 PMSubject: Re: Annual Report(Draft)Central Intelligence Agency: Throughout the past year, the ARRB has experienced a high level of cooperation and compliance from the Central Intelligence Agency. The CIA has proven willing to release records of great operational sensitivity where the Oswald story is concerned and has agreed as well to a wide variety of other releases in documents that are only tangentially connected to Oswald or to the JFK assassination. In addition, the CIA has taken upon itself to release in full to NARA large numbers of previously-redacted documents from its Oswald file and JFK records. Particularly worthy of note was CIA's commitment of time and manpower to reviewing records (under ARRB auspices) at the JFK Library in June, where it cleared for release a large body of Cuba-related records from the National Security Files. So far, CIA's Historical Review Group has managed to keep pace with the ARRB's requests for records and information, but during the coming and final year we at ARRB expect our requirements to increase and significantly outpace CIA's ability to comply unless the Historical Review Group receives much-needed additional staff support. We hope this problem can be solved as quickly as possible.Department of State: During the past year, the ARRB has also received a high level of cooperation from the Department of State, which has continued to release in full most of its records related to Oswald or the JFK assassination. In addition, State actively participated in ARRB's joint-Agency review of Cuba-related records at the JFK Library, clearing for release most of those records containing DOS equities.JFK Library: The staff of the JFK Library has cooperated fully with the ARRB, especially in the vast effort to prepare for, support, and process the results of ARRB's week-long joint Agency review of Cuba-related records. The success of this unusually large-scale venture was due not only to the notable cooperation of the Agencies involved, but also specifically to the Library's thorough preparation and fine staff support throughout the week-long exercise. Since then, the Library has rapidly moved ahead to complete remaining document processing and coordination, in order to release this large and important body of documents to the public by autumn. Library staff has also provided thorough follow-up information to ARRB staff in regard to other collections at the Library.

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