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N E W S R E L E A S E FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CONTACT: TOM SAMOLUKJUNE 14, 1996 (202) 724-0088, EXT. 227JFK ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARDDECISIONS ON FOUR DOCUMENTS APPEALED BY FBIThe Assassination Records Review Board announced today that, pursuant to the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, the FBI has appealed to the President the recent decisions of the Board to release information contained in four documents. The information contained in the redacted portions of the documents has to do with intelligence sources and methods. The Review Board found that public interest in the information outweighed the evidence that the FBI offered in support of postponing release of the information. The FBI appealed a fifth document based on privacy grounds, but the Board has subsequently rescinded its determination on the document pending further review of the privacy issues that have been raised. Redacted versions of the documents (and duplicates) are currently available to the public at the National Archives. The Review Board voted on these documents at its April 17, 1996 meeting. The FBI has another appeal pending before the President in connection with decisions made by the Review Board at its March 19, 1996 meeting to release information contained in 13 documents. The Review Board was established by the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, which was signed into law by President George Bush. The five members of the Board were appointed by President Clinton, confirmed by the U.S. Senate, and sworn in on April 11, 1994. The law gives the Review Board the mandate and the authority to identify, secure, and make available all records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. It is the responsibility of the Board to determine which records are to be made public immediately and which ones will have postponed release dates. The Review Board has until October 1, 1997 to fulfill its mandate.-30-

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