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Subject: Mandates and Deadlines

It seems to me that the JFK Records Act of 1992 was quite clear that its primary intent was the fullest assembling and fullest possible disclosure of records relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. Secondly, the Act included details of time deadlines and procedures. The Assassination Records Review Board has a clear mandate from the American people, whose expressed outrage to their representatives at the continuing secrecy of records relating to the President's assassination was the very genesis of your existence as a Board. The people told Congress, in effect: "Release those records. Period." Congress then passed an Act which it believed adequate to accomplish that task. By now, however, it is clear that the Act has not been sufficient to allow the Board to complete that job. We hear discussions about which records can be ignored, so that other records can get released. We learn of agencies who have yet to release a single record, and of others who seem to be playing the same game with some of their records that they played with the Warren Commission and the House Select Committee on Assassinations: the waiting game. They know the Board's life is scheduled to end in October 1997. It is time to strip that confidence from their smug bureaucratic existence, and make it clear that the Board's job will end only when the job is fully completed. It is time to squarely present Congress with the reality of the situation: the life of the Board must be extended, or the mandate of the people cannot be accomplished. If they say "You've had three years," they must be reminded that about half of that time was required for appointments, organization, hiring, etc. Those who demand a full accounting of matters like Ruby Ridge, Waco, and the Vince Foster case need, at the same time, to make certain that a full accounting is given of the assassination of our President. You have the people's mandate to do the job. You have a responsibility to history to do the job. Demand to be allowed to finish it!

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