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ASSASSINATION RECORDS ADVISORY DECEMBER 17, 1997 CONTACT: EILEEN SULLIVAN(202) 724-0088, EXT. 253
ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD VOTES TO RELEASE CIA, FBI, HSCA, NSA, ARMY, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, AND WARREN COMMISSION RECORDS
November 17, 1997 Board Meeting Totals
The Assassination Records Review Board met on November 17, 1997 and voted to release 3,620 CIA, FBI, NSA, Army, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and HSCA documents related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. In addition to this total, 108 Warren Commission documents will be open in full by consent release.
CIA Records
The Review Board voted to release 215 CIA documents in part. The majority of these records are from the "Sequestered Collection." The CIA documents relate primarily to cable traffic to and from Mexico City regarding administrative and operational matters. The HSCA documents include notes of CIA files and cables, primarily regarding biographical information on individuals such as Luisa Calderon, Leo Cherne, Barney Hidalgo, and Mohammed Reggab. An additional 290 CIA documents and two HSCA documents will be open in full by consent release.
FBI Records
The Board also voted to release 678 FBI documents, two in full and 676 in part. The majority of these 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 subjects including Sam Giancana, E. Howard Hunt, Orlando Bosh Avila, Gilberto Lopez, Frank Chavez, Angelo Bruno, Maurice Lerner, and Cuba Libre. In addition, 2,317 FBI documents will be open in full by consent release.
NSA Records
The Review Board voted to release 26 NSA documents in part. These documents include an NSA report about the testing, on the behest of the Warren Commission, of some of Lee Harvey Oswald's belongings, including his radio equipment, for possible transmittal capabilities, copies of the Cuban Government's press statements regarding the assassination of President Kennedy and Oswald's request for a Cuban transit visa, information on suspected Cuban intelligence activity, and correspondence regarding requests by the HSCA and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI). An additional 74 NSA documents will be open in full by consent release.
Army and Joint Chiefs of Staff Records
The Board voted to release in part 12 Army documents and six Joint Chiefs of Staff records. These documents relate to U.S. policy toward Cuba, Operation Mongoose, Vietnam, and foreign government reactions to the assassination of President Kennedy.
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 1, 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.-end-

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