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-----FROM: Duncan, Tom/SENT: Thursday, September 10, 1998 4:34 PM/TO: Moll, Dan/SUBJECT: RE: JFK ACT>>FYI-Charlie Johnson has advised Ray Strong that this office does not believe>that the JFK Act supercedes Rule XXXVI with respect to HUAC records.>Therefore that rule governs access to these records. As you can imagine, we>have been somewhat distracted by other issues.>>----->From: Moll, Dan>Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 1998 2:22 PM>To: Duncan, Tom>Subject: FW: JFK ACT>>Any progress on this issue???>>----->From: Moll, Dan>Sent: Monday, August 24, 1998 1:34 PM>To: Duncan, Tom>Cc: Johnson, Charles; Schacht, Diana>Subject: RE: JFK ACT>>I think it is important to understand some of the background of the Act.>When Dan Burton assumed the Chair of this Committee in January 1997, one of>the first issues he was presented with was the expiration of the JFK Board at>the end of FY 97 (prior to completion of its task). The Chairman felt>strongly that the concept of the original JFK Act was sound, and introduced a>bill to reauthorize the Act for only one year. The philosophy underlying the>original Act was that by making all relevant information available to the>public was the best way to respond to the continuing level of interest in the>Kennedy assassination, and was preferable to undertaking a new Congressional>investigation. The Chairman believed it was essential to allow the Board to>complete its work, which is to review and publicly release documents relating>to the assassination.>>Throughout the past year and a half we have encountered substantial>resistance from the various custodians of JFK records, including: FBI, CIA,>Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, Library of Congress, and the Clerk>of the House. The excuses have run the gamut and through a series of letters>(I will be happy to provide these for your review) and meetings we have>satisfactorily resolved each problem. The only remaining issue is the>resolution of the HUAC records.>>I would respectfully suggest that your office view this issue, not only in>terms of the law and House Rules, but also in the context of the public's>right to know and Congressional intent in the original act. Rule 36 states>that "A record shall not be made available for public use ... if the Clerk>determines that such availability would be detrimental to the public interest>...." I have trouble understanding how the release of some records from the>late 50's or early 60's regarding Lee Harvey Oswald, Marina Oswald, and the>Fair Play for Cuba Committee (pro-Castro) is detrimental to the public>interest.>>Please let me know if there is any further action I can take to help resolve>this matter.>> Dan> (x55074)> (x35922)>>>----->From: Duncan, Tom>Sent: Thursday, August 20, 1998 6:13 PM>To: Moll, Dan>Subject: jfk act>>This office has been asked by the Clerk to interpret the interaction of House>rule 36 and the JFK Records Act. Given the absence of Charlie Johnson and>most of my colleagues (and myself after today) we have yet to come to a>conclusion on the

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