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Subject: Re: Review/release of new FBI memo
September 15, 1998
EILEEN SULLIVAN/ASSASSINATIONS RECORDS REVIEW BOARD
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Dear Ms. Sullivan, Earlier today (9/15/98) I left you a long phone message regarding some FBI records that have been released only in severely redacted form to researcher Bill Adams. He has written you about this already, I believe, for he sent me a copy of his letter to the ARRB. He argues, persuasively to my mind, that at least one document, and perhaps several others as well, may have important bearings on our understanding of Kennedy's death. As I mentioned in my phone message, there is one key FBI document which may be of central importance. It pertains to the arrests of two men (Witter and Miller) who were captured in what appears to have been a gun-running affair. Evidence suggests this affair probably involved Jack Ruby, and/or perhaps even Oswald. And it occurred within a week of JFK's death. The other factors which tie this information to the JFK case are well explored in Mr. Adams' letter, and I won't duplicate all of his remarks here. In sum, however, the FBI apparently had an informant with inside knowledge of this Witter-Miller business, for Adams was able to secure what had been thought to be a non-existent FBI memo about it. The copy of the memo he got, alas, was only in redacted form. It is virtually certain the informant was named in the memo. And as Adams has demonstrated, that identity may be quite illuminating, as may be other redacted information in the memo as well. For links between the FBI and Ruby and/or Oswald, and/or other previously unknown figures, may be revealed. 35 years after this episode, it is hard to imagine the Bureau's redacting this document in any way protects its sensitive sources and methods. In fact, there is a reasonable chance that no one named in it is even still alive. The FBI's uncooperativeness with Mr. Adams is discouraging. Was it not, after all, the ARRB who produced a New York Times article on an FBI-conducted study to refute the FBI's attempts to withhold documents from the ARRB? As I recall (I can dig the article out of my files if you'd like a copy of it), the FBI's own internal study showed that its sources were NOT lost because of later exposure of informants during prosecutions. After the ARRB documented this fact by producing the New York Times article to counter the Bureau's foot-dragging, the FBI, as I understand it, became much more cooperative in releasing documents to the Board. I know the Board's time and resources are tight as you wind down toward expiration. The potential value of this unredacted document (and perhaps several others), and the ease with which the Board could retrieve and review it/them, compels me to kindly request a big favor at the 11th hour. Could you please try to review and release this/these document(s) prior to expiration? If the Board lacks the resources to do this, may I offer to donate to the Board whatever costs might conceivably be incurred in securing the document(s)? Bill Adams, who found the document, did not include a copy of

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