MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Input on Future Military Record Review Efforts in Support of   Extension Hearings

1.   The following information (on forthcoming FY 1998 review efforts) is hereby offered in support of Chairman Tunheim's forthcoming testimony during hearings on the Review Board's extension request:

a.   IRR Sequestered Collection: The Army's Investigative Records Repository has maintained, since 1979, a Sequestered Collection of investigatory records on 32 individuals which the HSCA expressed interest in.   (In addition, ARRB staff has identified one additional file which contains documents which are assassination records.)   IRR has transmitted referrals on these records to numerous other agencies possessing third party equities, such as the FBI, CIA, the Department of the Treasury, and in some cases, the military.   Extensive follow-through by ARRB will be required with the referral agencies to ensure declassification review, and subsequent transfer to the JFK Collection at NARA, takes place.

b.   ONI: Although ONI has already reviewed 123 cubic feet of records and has identified a limited number of assassination-related documents which are undergoing declassification review, additional review of an additional 950 cubic feet of documents (in an attempt to locate possible assassination records) has begun, and will not be completed until late this calendar year.   Following completion of this screening, ONI will conduct declassification review of any assassination records found in this second group of documents.

c.   Papers of Joseph Califano and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairmen Lemnitzer, Taylor and Wheeler: Two groups of documents which were already at NARA have been identified which contain assassination-related documents.   First, approximately 15

cubic feet of Joseph Califano's papers contain assassination-related records pertaining to Cuba and Vietnam issues.   Declassification review by the Army has just begun, and since there appear to be numerous third party equities involved, this process may be time consuming.   Second, professional declassifiers from the Joint Staff in the Pentagon, using criteria established by the ARRB, have flagged approximately 147 assassination-related documents (primarily Cuba and Vietnam issues) from the papers of JCS Chairmen Lemnitzer, Taylor, and Wheeler, as well as the JCS Central Files---all of which will require declassification review.   That process has not yet begun, and will surely involve third party equities which will prove to be time-consuming.

d.   Marine Corps: Although the ARRB has obtained Lee Harvey Oswald's personnel file and medical record from the Marine Corps and transferred those documents to the JFK Collection, substantial additional searches have been initiated within the Marine Corps in response to Navy directives, particularly within the files of the Commandant's Office and Marine Corps legal files; these efforts, and accompanying declassification review, will not be completed until late calendar year 1997.

e.   Air Force and Navy: In response to the ARRB Compliance Program, the Navy and Air Force have been asked to conduct additional searches to look for specific records beyond those already transferred to the JFK Collection.   Presently it is unclear when these searches will be completed.

f.   DIA: Through the ARRB Compliance Program, a series of meetings with the DIA have established the criteria for searches for documents which the ARRB staff has identified to DIA as possible assassination records.   This effort is just beginning and will likely require a minimum of 6 months for implementation.

g.   NSA: The National Security Agency has already delivered to the ARRB two groups of assassination-related records following completion of its declassification review (85 and 49 documents, respectively); however, NSA has just commenced declassification review of a large number of referrals recently received from the Kennedy Library in Boston, which may require many months for full processing.