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Re: Final Search for all Original CIA Records Related to the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

Dear Barry:

This letter is in follow up to our meeting of June 26, 1998. As expressed at that meeting the Assassination Records Review Board has become concerned as to whether all original records held by the Central Intelligence Agency, particularly those controlled by the Directorate of Operations have been identified in previous searches for records relevant to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. ARRB is aware that then Center for the Study of Intelligence, Historical Review Group Chief John Pereira ordered a search of all CIA records in 1993. Since that date, however, there are at least three examples of records clearly relevant to the assassination which have been identified through the efforts of the Review Board staff and later located by CIA. These records were not identified through the 1993 CIA search. In order to comply with the strictures of the JFK Act and ensure that all original CIA records relevant to the assassination the Review Board requests the following:

1. a new search of all CIA computer records, including those of the Office of Security and Counterintelligence, for any documents relevant to the assassination. Particular care should be taken to examine possibly relevant documents dated after the 1993 search.
2. a directive sent to all Headquarters personnel from CIA Director George Tennet requiring all offices to search their files and notify the Historical Review Program immediately if they have any records which might possibly be considered relevant to the assassination.

3. a meeting between ARRB staff and appropriate CIA officials to discuss the search of counterintelligence records.
4. a search for updated or continued records on individuals, from a list of names provided by the ARRB, of interest to the House Select Committee on Assassination. We are particularly interested in any records which CIA has acquired since the files were sequestered in 1978.

The Review Board appreciates your cooperation and assistance in resolving these issues. As time is growing short, we would like very much to ensure that these matters are handled expeditiously.

Sincerely,

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