

# Assassination Records Review Board

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RE: ARRB Review of FBI Documents

Dear Terry:

In the communications between the ARRB and the FBI -- most recently in the May 11 meeting between ARRB staff members and the Bureau's JFK Task Force -- the FBI has described its current policies on certain postponement issues. We now understand that the FBI's present policies provide that:

- (a) information released in one record (or part of a record) will not be postponed elsewhere, unless there is a significant difference in context that would justify postponement;
- (b) the identities of persons who provided information to state or local law enforcement agencies will not be postponed under Sections 6(2) and (4) of the Act;
- (c) the symbol numbers of persons who were contacted but did not provide positive information to the FBI will not be postponed under Sections 6(2) and (4) of the Act; and
- (d) the identities of persons who gave the FBI information to which they had access by virtue of their employment will not be postponed under Sections 6(2) and (4) of the Act where their providing the information did not involve a breach of trust.

We recognize that applying these policies to some cases may involve relatively "close calls"; however, in many other cases these policies would suggest that some currently postponed documents should be released. In the course of reviewing FBI records, the ARRB staff has

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identified a number of FBI records containing postponements where present FBI policies would seem to call for release in full. These records, grouped by their correspondence to the policies described above, are:

Group A

Should be released in the light of information released in DL 44-1639-275:

HQ 44-24016-86

CV 44-265-8

BA 44-410-6

DL 44-1639-348

Should be released in the light of information released in HQ 44-24016-273:

DL 44-1639-103

Should be released in the light of information released in other parts of these documents:

HQ 44-24016-531

NO 44-2064-140

AT(SV) 44-1200-33

Should be released in the light of information released in DL 44-1639-4844:

HQ 62-109060-2907

DL 89-43-3777

HQ 44-24016-5th NR 1382

Should be released in the light of information released in HQ 105-82555-4214 EBF:

DL 44-1639-5244

HQ 44-24016-1581

Should be released in the light of information released in other parts of these documents:

HQ 44-24016-1370

DL 44-1639-4518

HQ 44-24016-1376

Should be released in the light of information released at HQ 105-82555-2104:

DL 100-10461-3789

Group B

HQ 44-24016-1174

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Group C

HQ 44-24016-19  
DL 44-1639-252  
HQ 44-24016-53  
PH 44-767-5  
DL 44-1639-405  
HQ 44-24016-1467  
HQ 105-82555-54  
DL 100-10461-3  
DL 100-10461-7  
HQ 105-82555-16  
NO 44-2064-58

Group D

HQ 44-24016-63  
AT 44-1559-10  
DL 44-1639-1686  
WMFO 44-520-31

For the reasons explained above, we expect that the FBI will not wish to submit any evidence or present any argument in favor of the postponements in these documents, and that they can be released without objection from the FBI. If this understanding is incorrect with respect to any of these documents, or if we are mistaken in our understanding of present FBI postponement policies, please let us know by June 2. If we have not heard from you, we will recommend to the Review Board that all of the postponed material in these documents be released.

As always, thank you for your continuing cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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Phil Golrick