Certification of the General Counsel Regarding the July 20 - 21, 1998 Closed Meetings of the Assassination Records Review Board

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552b(f)(1) and 36 C.F.R. §§ 1405.2 & 1405.5 (d), I hereby certify, as General Counsel for the Assassination Records Review Board, that I attended the July 20 - 21, 1998 closed meetings of the Review Board. It is my opinion that the meetings were properly closed to the public based upon the following Sunshine Act exemptions:

- -- classified national security information (§ 552b(c)(1));
- -- investigatory records involving the identity of confidential sources (§ 552b(c)(7));
- --information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invation of personal privacy.

Certified by:

Ronald G. Haron General Counsel

Date: July 24, 1998