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Re: Request for Department of State Participation in Upcoming Review of John F. Kennedy
Assassination-Related Records at John F. Kennedy Library

Dear Peggy:

As you and Mary McAuliffe have already discussed, a team of reviewers from the Assassination Records Review Board is planning a records review trip to the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston for the week of June 17, 1996.

The team will be identifying additional records to be processed under the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Act. The team will also be identifying a potentially much-larger group of records that are not directly related to the assassination but nevertheless are of potential interest to assassination researchers. It is our hope that many of the latter group of records can be declassified on the spot, in whole or in part, by representatives of the Departments and Agencies whose equities are contained therein.

We understand that of the approximately 20,000 pages of Cuba records that we will be reviewing, at least half contain primary Department of State equities and somewhat less than half contain primary Central Intelligence Agency equities. The Central Intelligence Agency's Historical Review Group will be sending a team of reviewers with declassification authority to the Kennedy Library during that same week, to coordinate this process with us. We hope that you will be able to send representatives

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from the Department of State with similar declassification authority to participate in this coordinated effort. Given the complexity of the task, this would appear to be by far the most efficient and cost-effective way of proceeding.

I greatly appreciate the Department of State's ongoing cooperation with the ARRB and look forward to discussing our Kennedy Library trip further with you.

Sincerely yours,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director