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Since April 1995, ARRB has made significant progress in determining which, among the millions of redactions that CIA took in documents turned over to NARA under the JFK Act, it can now safely release. This has been an enormous task, involving research into hundreds of names, numbers, pseudonyms, and cryptonyms, and the release of a large portion of these, especially those concerned with CIA's Mexico City operations. Although a huge number of redacted CIA documents remains to be reviewed by ARRB (cite Barry's figures), many of the issues in these unreviewed documents have already been resolved in the 160 CIA documents that ARRB has released since June, and we expect that most of the major remaining issues will be resolved within the next few months. This will make possible a sharp increase in the Board's review of documents by 1996.

CIA's cooperation with ARRB staff research efforts has been commendable and appreciated. Nevertheless, the age of the documents plus the complexity of CIA's filing systems have often made CIA's responses to ARRB staff requests slow and incomplete. CIA recognizes this problem and is working to correct it.