

*Memorandum*

*To: David Marwell*

*From: Tom Samoluk*

*Date: February 15, 1995*

*Re: Response/Talking Points on Draft Definition Guidance Criticism*

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*I drafted some quick talking points that could be used if the Internet criticism had been something we had to respond to in the press. I would be interested in your thoughts, at your convenience.*

- 1. The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act which created the Review Board was carefully crafted and passed by the Congress with bi-partisan support, following extensive committee hearings.*
- 2. The law was signed by a Republican President and Board members were appointed by a Democratic President.*
- 3. Nominations were made by the President after considering recommendations by nationally renowned historian, archivist and bar associations, as provided by the Act.*
- 4. The Board members were unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate.*

5. *The Board intends to follow the clear mandate of the law to provide a full record of the assassination, open and accessible to the American public at the National Archives.*

6. *The definition guidance is only a draft, openly published for interested parties to offer input. It is a fair and responsible working draft.*

7. *The Board members intends to handle their obligations in a responsible manner, based on the law, and their collective experiences as professionals.*

8. *The Board will not be deterred by criticism from parties with self-interests which come at the expense of the American public's right to full disclosure, as clearly articulated by this law.*