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From: Office of Public and Congressional Affairs
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 Contact: LuAnn Wilkins, x0673

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Case ID #: (U) 62-HQ-1029205—(Pending)

Title: (U) The John F. Kennedy Assassination Records
 Collection Act of 1992 (the Act)

Synopsis: (S) MM is requested to review the information and the
 interview guidelines, interview [MM 4501-OA] and provide the
 results to HERU as soon as possible.

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Enclosures: (S) Attached are interview guidelines to be used in speaking with [MM 4501-OA] and a copy of the Act. (JFK)

Details: (U) Details: (U) On 10/26/92, President George Bush signed the legislation bringing the Act to fruition. The Act requires that Government records related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy (JFK) be reviewed and processed for release and sent to the National Archives for public access. Congress initiated and passed the legislation because of the renewed public interest in the history and theories of President Kennedy's assassination. The Act facilitates the release of information normally exempt from disclosure under the Executive Order and/or the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts (FOIPA).

(U) While the Act contemplates maximum disclosure of JFK records, certain information may be withheld if it meets the Board's interpretation of the Act's postponement requirements. The postponement requirements are standards for redactions established by Congress to limit deletions, since their intentions were for all the information to be released by the year 2017. The only exception to this is if the President of the United States certifies that unique information should never be

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released. Attached is a copy of the Act, which specifies the basis for any postponements, defines the requirements of the Board and their decision making procedures, and the process for handling the JFK assassination records.

(U) The FBI's goal and standard operating procedure under the Act is to maximize the release of information to the public. Postponements have only been requested where there is compelling justification for doing so. In July 1995, the Board began reviewing the FBI's documents containing postponed material. The FBI prepared evidence concerning the various postponements for criminal informants, national security assets, classified information, and foreign government information. Concerning the informants and assets, the FBI presented the judicially accepted legal arguments for protecting the identities of the informants. However, the Board has not always accepted our justification for postponement and believed the public interest outweighed the reason for postponement.

~~(S)~~ Currently, HERU's standard operating procedures include using more liberal guidelines releasing as much information as possible and providing evidence that notes if the informant was living, deceased, or if no record could be found identifiable with the informant. In addition, the Board may request to review the asset/informant file should they believe the information provided is germane to the assassination or theories of the President's death, which has happened with information from [MM 4501-OA.] (S)

~~(S)~~ [MM4501-OA] (S) was an associate of Antonio Vecianna. Vecianna had related stories that there was a conspiracy concerning the Kennedy assassination. The Board is releasing information from the informant's file related to the stories about Vecianna and wants to have evidence as to the assets need for protection.

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~~(S)~~ MM should interview [MM 4501-OA]^(s) following the attached guidelines and provide the evidence or permission to release the assets identity.

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